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LEVERETT SALTONSTALL



**U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1**

JOHN W. HESELTON



**STATE SENATOR**

RALPH C. MAHAR, Orange



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**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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CARLOS ALLEN, Deerfield

ROY W. FRENCH, Orange

# OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT, 1952

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Term Expires 1954

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Term Expires 1953

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

STANTON C. KENDRICK, Chairman  
Term Expires 1953

DAVID J. MALCOLM, Secretary  
Term Expires 1952

GEORGE RINGCHRIST  
Term Expires 1954

**AUDITOR**

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**TREE WARDEN**

ROY BREEN

**CONSTABLES**

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WALTER A. HENDERSON

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**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**  
FRANK J. WELLS

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS**

**AND MEASURES**  
STANTON C. KENDRICK

**CLERK OF TOWN OFFICERS**

RUTH B. CHURCHILL, (resigned)  
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PAUL HEIST

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JULIA BURNETT, R. N. (resigned)  
DOROTHY MOREHOUSE, R. N.

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**SUPERINTENDENT,**

**GYPSY MOTH AND DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL**  
ROY A. HICKS



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ROY A. HICKS

**INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING**  
ROY A. HICKS  
WILBUR L. BURNETT

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LAWRENCE TINNEY  
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CHARLES E. STREETER

**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
WINSTON HEALY, Chairman  
HORACE E. WARFIELD  
HARRY L. PURINTON

**CUSTODIAN TOWN HALL**  
LAWRENCE S. TINNEY

# TOWN CALENDAR

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1953

- Jan. 13 Last Registration of Voters before Town Meeting.
- Feb. 2 TOWN MEETING.
- Mar. 30 Last day for filing Seasonal Liquor Licenses.
- Mar. 31 Dog Licenses - Expiration date.
- Apr. 5 Easter Sunday.
- Apr. 15 Trout Season opens.
- May 30 Memorial Day.
- June 5 Elementary School closes.
- June 12 High School closes.
- July 1 Town Taxes - Real Estate and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Personal Taxes due.
- July 4 Independence Day.
- July 31 Trout Season closes.
- Sept. 7 Labor Day.
- Sept. 9 School opens.
- Oct. 31 Last day for payment of Town Taxes without penalty.
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day.
- Nov. 30 Last day for filing Liquor License renewals.
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day.
- Dec. 28 Last day for filing Nomination Papers for Election of Town Officers.

1954

- Jan. 14 Last day for registration before Town Meeting.
- Feb. 1 TOWN MEETING.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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In the field of municipal activity during 1952 the town has made steady though not spectacular progress. In the face of constantly increasing pressure from inflation it has been possible, fortunately, to hold increases in town expenses, with their corresponding affect on the tax rate, to modest proportions, without curtailing any of the services performed by the town. The budget for 1953 entails only slight increases over the amounts spent in 1952, and in some instances reductions have been possible.

During the year there have been several changes in the administrative personnel of the town. William R. Burt resigned as Assessor and Sherman T. Pike was appointed to the vacancy. Mrs. Ruth Churchill resigned as clerk to the town officers and was replaced by Mrs. Beda Langevin. This position becomes more important as the volume of office work continues to expand, and we feel confident that Mrs. Langevin will maintain the extremely high standard of work set by Mrs. Churchill. Another change was in the Nursing Service, where Mrs. Dorothy Morehouse replaced Miss Julia Burnett. Under Mrs. Morehouse's direction this service promises to reach a very high standard of value to the community. And last, but by no means least, 1952 marked the end of a long and distinguished career in town office, that of Fred O. Bicknell, who has retired as Tax Collector. Fred's first service to the town was in 1897, as Auditor, and has continued through the years in the capacity of Selectman and Tax Collector. No one has a greater knowledge of the town and its affairs, nor who loves, and is beloved by, the town in greater degree. We salute a gentleman who has served long, faithfully and well, hoping for and expecting the benefits of his wise advice in the years to come.

## *TOWN HALL*

The interior of the Hall was painted, upstairs and down, by a group of volunteers inspired and directed by Will Pierson. Unfortunately that group was small, and we are forced to conclude that the town prefers to have this kind of work done by regular contractors, rather than by the "bee" method. Since there remains a great deal to be done to the hall woodwork, we are including in the budget an item to cover it.

Increased use of the Hall has resulted in a greater work load on the custodian, and a raise in salary was granted during the year.

## *HIGHWAYS*

The main project this year was supposed to have been a section of permanent improvement to the South River Road under Chapter 90, but it did

not turn out that way. This road requires a great deal of blasting on the ledges adjacent to the Boston and Maine Railroad, with the consequent risk of serious damage to tracks, wires and other installations belonging to it. As yet no satisfactory method of meeting these risks has been determined, and at the State's request the project was postponed and the balance in the account is being carried forward to 1953. The main reason for postponement was the State's desire that the North River Road be widened this year. An outright grant of approximately \$15,000 was received for this work, which is apparently being done in order to provide an adequate detour for traffic when Scott's Bridge is replaced. However, with the carryover of the 1952 appropriation plus a regular appropriation in 1953, it should be possible to make substantial progress on South River Road next year.

In addition to the regular maintenance of town roads, several projects of a more permanent nature were accomplished. Florida Bridge was replanked and a steel deck installed on the east half of the bridge. The town of Rowe divides with us the expense of maintaining this half. Approximately 3000 feet of permanent improvement to Legate Hill Road was completed. A large culvert was set on the Heath Road, just north of Bissell Bridge, and the road straightened at that point. The North River Bridge was painted, and the authorized repairs to town sidewalks were made. A complete report of the work done and money spent on each road in town is contained elsewhere in this report.

Luckily there was practically no snow during November and December, for the snow appropriation had been almost exhausted earlier in the year. More sanding is being done, when the weather requires it, and sanding is considerably more expensive than snow plowing. During the early winter the road crew was often called upon to put in extremely long hours, and they are to be commended for faithful and efficient work under difficult conditions. In keeping with the practice in neighboring towns, rates of pay were again raised during the year, and we believe them to be well deserved.

Likewise, the hourly rates on town-owned equipment, which are credited to the machinery earnings fund, have been increased slightly. In accordance with a universal trend, more and more work is being done by machinery and less and less by hand. This means that equipment wears faster, and in our opinion the hourly rates should more nearly reflect the actual costs of using equipment. We look forward to the time when machinery earnings will be sufficiently large not only to cover machinery operating expenses, but also to cover the cost of replacing equipment as it becomes necessary. Because towns in this area are now frequently trading work, using their own equipment in each others town, it will probably become necessary to establish a uniform hourly rate for machinery use in the several towns; this may require an upward revision in the rates now prevailing here.



The Oliver front end loader authorized at the last town meeting has been obtained and is working out extremely satisfactorily. It permits substantial savings in gas shovel hire, provides much greater flexibility with consequent economy in road work and will be particularly valuable in the stock-piling of sand for winter use.

It is our recommendation that the Mack truck be traded in during 1953, and funds for this purpose are being requested.

During the year the town acquired a very nice carved wood sign for the Bissell Bridge. This was provided through the generosity of Mr. Peter Myal, who made it, and the Charlemont Lions Club, to both of whom the town's gracious thanks are due.

With regard to the street signs in town, the story is not so pleasant. During the year 35 signs of various kinds have disappeared or been destroyed, apparently as the result of sheer vandalism. This represents a financial loss of at least \$350, and the citizens are urged to cooperate in the prevention of this needless waste.

#### *WELFARE*

Activities in this department are covered by the report of the Western Franklin Welfare District. However, it should be noted that for the first time a decrease in the appropriation for Old Age Assistance is possible in 1953. This reflects the fact that Social Security payments are beginning to ease the load of interim assistance.

#### *BOARD OF HEALTH*

Congratulations are due the townspeople for the marked improvement shown this year in their use of the town dump. Dumping of rubbish has been done much more carefully, and it has not been necessary to move the bulldozer up there at frequent intervals to push waste material out of the highway.

While the work of the Board of Health cannot be said to be onerous, the volume is increasing. In our opinion the town by-laws should be amended to provide for a regularly elected Board to carry on the work. State regulations in this field are rapidly increasing and the Selectmen are unable to give the time and thought which the matter requires. At the present time, the Board's most important duty is to represent the town on the Western Franklin Public Health District, whose report is to be found elsewhere in this publication.

#### *MISCELLANEOUS*

The most exciting event of the year was the celebration of Yankee Doodle Days in August. This was a three day series of events sponsored by

the Lions Club which included the participation of every organization in town. In spite of one day of foul weather, the events were a tremendous success and most organizations made a nice profit on their operations. Attendance exceeded the most optimistic hopes, and it was a matter of particular satisfaction to again see the Fairgrounds buzzing with activity and swarming with people. It is much to be hoped that this event will become an annual one, and we are requesting a small appropriation for refurbishing the Fairgrounds in case they again become the center of this celebration.

We are more concerned each year with the ravages of the Dutch Elm Disease and the possible consequence to the town if the disease really strikes here. We are therefore again suggesting that a committee be appointed to work with the Tree Warden in making a survey and determining the best method of meeting the problem.

It is a pleasure to report that the town is in excellent financial health, and we look forward to continued civic progress in the years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

WINSTON HEALY,  
CYRUS C. ANNEAR,  
WILLIAM D. PIERSON,  
Selectmen.

## HIGHWAY SURFACE IMPROVEMENTS FOR 1952

### CHAPTER 81

No.	Road	Gravel Ft.	Surface Treatment ft.
5 & 6	Warner Hill	400	
10	Center Heath	50	
11	Mountain	1300	
12	Mountain Branch	520	
13	South Heath	150	
19	Legate Hill	4500	
25	Todd Mt.	25	
31	South River	700	
33	East Hawley		1050
35	Colonial		250
36	Riddell		1500
38	Heath	50	3800
39	Burnt Hill	400	
40	West Oxbow	400	
41	East Oxbow	600	500
44	Colrain	300	

### CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

1	Zoar		10500
3	North Heath	550	4750
28	West Hawley		6800
31	South River		2000

Colrain and Johnson Roads were widened and graveled the entire length from surplus material from the North River widening.









# TOWN EXPENDITURES

## SNOW ROADS AND BRIDGES

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 5,000.00	
Superintendent—Paul Heist .....		\$ 641.58
Labor Payroll .....		1,827.23
Town Equipment .....		1,747.20
Hired Equipment .....		7.50
Salt .....		204.00
Sand .....		547.80
Credit Balance .....		24.69
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	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

## CHAPTER 81

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 2,350.00	
State Contract .....	12,925.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 1,562.50
Labor Payroll .....		4,787.46
Town Equipment .....		2,957.54
Hired Equipment .....		2,673.75
Gravel .....		552.70
Stone and Grit .....		727.53
Tar .....		1,005.65
Culverts .....		657.87
Calcium Chloride .....		329.00
Miscellaneous Materials .....		21.00
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	\$ 15,275.00	\$ 15,275.00

## CHAPTER 90, Construction, South River Road

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 2,000.00	
State Contract .....	4,000.00	
County Contract .....	2,000.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 187.40
Labor Payroll .....		527.30
Town Equipment .....		356.00
Hired Equipment .....		744.00
Culverts .....		534.47
Credit Balance, carried forward to 1953 .....		5,650.83
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	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00

### CHAPTER 90, Construction, North River Road

State Contract .....	\$ 16,500.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 408.00
Labor Payroll .....		2,866.15
Town Equipment .....		1,368.60
Hired Equipment .....		6,681.50
Culverts .....		559.92
Pea Stone .....		384.91
Cement .....		24.00
Gravel .....		608.00
Barbed Wire .....		63.15
Cedar Posts .....		137.50
Kerosene .....		14.40
Credit Balance carried forward to 1953 .....		3,383.87
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	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,500.00

### CHAPTER 90, Construction, Bissell Bridge

Carried Forward from 1951 .....	\$ 8,374.82	
T. J. Harvey & Son, Inc. ....		\$ 7,917.57
Credit Balance .....		457.25
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	\$ 8,374.82	\$ 8,374.82

### CHAPTER 90, Maintenance

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,500.00	
State Contract .....	1,500.00	
County Contract .....	1,500.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 78.00
Labor Payroll .....		230.60
Town Equipment .....		100.20
Hired Equipment .....		334.00
Grit .....		225.00
Gravel .....		105.84
Tar .....		2,637.56
Steel .....		38.80
Couture Brothers .....		750.00
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	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00

### MACHINERY

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 5,500.00	
Northern Berkshire Gas Co. ....		\$ 14.20
Superintendent .....		8.75
Labor Payroll .....		76.40

Christine Turner — rent .....	300.00	
Gasoline .....	1,255.99	
Oil .....	101.20	
Diesel Oil .....	66.25	
Miscellaneous Parts .....	572.40	
Miscellaneous Repairs .....	818.87	
Greasing .....	38.35	
Tires and Tubes .....	1,162.10	
Tools and Supplies .....	298.16	
H. F. Davis Tractor Co., snow plow .....	577.00	
Credit Balance .....	210.33	
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	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00

### MACHINERY — NEW EQUIPMENT

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 5,500.00	
Tractor Loader, H. F. Davis Tractor Co. ....		\$ 5,306.70
Credit Balance .....		193.30
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	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00

### BRIDGE REPAIR AND GUARD RAIL

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 700.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 69.57
Labor Payroll .....		258.70
Town Equipment .....		23.70
Floor Plate .....		204.49
Nails .....		5.63
Lags .....		5.91
W. D. Pierson, Plank .....		94.50
C. C. Annear, Labor .....		37.50
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	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00

### SIDEWALKS

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 300.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 89.60
Labor Payroll .....		137.60
Town Equipment .....		26.80
Frank J. Wells .....		10.35
W. N. Potter Grain Stores Inc. ....		13.00
Credit Balance .....		22.65
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	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00



### DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 700.00	
Federal Grant for 1952 .....	259.99	
1 Case .....		\$ 544.60
Credit balance Town Account .....		298.95
Federal Grant balance carried forward to Jan 1, 1953 .....		116.44
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	\$ 959.99	\$ 959.99

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,200.00	
Federal Grant balance brought forward from 1951 .....	35.69	
Federal Grant for 1952 .....	517.13	
2 Cases .....		\$ 930.45
Credit balance Town Account .....		710.95
Federal Grant balance carried forward to Jan. 1, 1953 .....		111.42
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	\$ 1,752.82	\$ 1,752.82

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 22,000.00	
Federal Grant balance brought forward from 1951 .....	3,595.60	
Federal Grant for 1952 .....	11,451.95	
1 Cancelled Check (Town Account) .....	53.75	
44 Cases .....		\$ 26,990.34
Credit balance Town Account .....		7,605.91
Federal Grant balance carried forward to Jan. 1, 1953 .....		2,505.05
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	\$ 37,101.30	\$ 37,101.30

### WELFARE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,500.00	
1 Case .....		\$ 857.34
1 Transient .....		4.00
Credit balance .....		638.66
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	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

### VETERAN'S BENEFITS

Town Appropriation .....	\$	1,400.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....		207.96	
5 Cases .....			\$ 1,607.96
		\$ 1,607.96	\$ 1,607.96

### WESTERN FRANKLIN WELFARE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Town Appropriation .....	\$	262.02	
Federal Grant — Old Age Assistance — balance brought forward from 1951 .....		141.11	
Federal Grant—Aid to Dependent Children— balance brought forward from 1951 .....		3.87	
Western Franklin Welfare District .....			\$ 407.00
		\$ 407.00	\$ 407.00

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Town Appropriation .....	\$	250.00	
Mrs. Vesta Coombs, Well Child Conference ....	\$		30.00
Nancy Woodrow, Well Child Conference .....			36.00
Dr. Merritt B. Low, Well Child Conference ....			90.00
Town Dump: Superintendent .....			8.00
Town Dump: Labor Payroll .....			2.50
Town Dump: Town Equipment .....			23.00
Credit Balance .....			60.50
		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00

### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

Western Franklin Public Health Nursing Service		\$ 2,221.76
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### TOWN HALL

Town Appropriation .....	\$	1,800.00	
Salary of Janitor .....	\$		720.00
Northern Berkshire Gas Co. ....			168.32
Charlemont Oil Co. ....			574.46
Cleaning Boiler — S. G. Gould .....			5.00
Commissioner of Public Safety — Boiler Inspection .....			5.00
Supplies .....			177.84
Repairs .....			18.80
Credit Balance .....			158.58
		\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00

### TOWN HALL — REDECORATION

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 100.00		
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	100.00		
Homer Tanner .....		\$	30.00
Frank J. Wells .....			28.00
F. W. Warner .....			30.00
W. D. Pierson .....			27.75
A. L. Avery & Son .....			23.47
Credit Balance .....			60.78
	\$ 200.00	\$	200.00

### OFFICERS SALARIES

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 4,000.00		
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	8.93		
Salary of Selectmen .....		\$	900.00
Salary of Town Clerk .....			350.00
Salary of Treasurer .....			650.00
Salary of Tax Collector .....			600.00
Salary of Clerk Assessor .....			350.00
Salary of two Assessors .....			500.00
Salary of Sealer of Weights and Measures ..			75.00
Salary of Fire Chief .....			100.00
Salary of Chief of Police .....			15.00
Inspection of Animals .....			75.00
Inspection of Slaughtering .....			62.43
Dog Officer .....			15.00
Constable — Posting of Warrants .....			10.00
Office Clerk — Ruth B. Churchill .....			92.50
Office Clerk — Beda A. Langevin .....			727.00
Ballot Clerks and Tellers .....			132.00
Moderator .....			10.00
	\$ 4,008.93	\$	4,008.93

### CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 500.00		
Credit Balance, carried forward to 1953 .....		\$	500.00
	\$ 500.00	\$	500.00

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,500.00		
Northern Berkshire Gas Co. ....		\$	22.40
Charlemont Oil Co. ....			316.41
Labor Payroll .....			257.50

Insurance on Firemen .....	96.50	
Repairs .....	187.39	
Equipment .....	453.38	
Supplies .....	112.82	
Harold Shumway .....	24.00	
Boiler Inspection .....	5.00	
Truck Inspection .....	2.00	
Credit Balance .....	22.60	
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	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

**STREET LIGHTS**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,140.00	
Northern Berkshire Gas Co. ....		\$ 1,137.00
Credit Balance .....		3.00
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	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 1,140.00

**LEGION ROOMS**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 360.00	
D. A. Lanoue — rent .....		\$ 360.00
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	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00

**GYPSY MOTH AND DUTCH ELM SUPPRESSION**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 300.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 139.05
Labor Payroll .....		149.60
Supplies .....		10.00
Credit Balance .....		1.35
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	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 125.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	100.00	
Band .....		\$ 60.00
Speaker .....		10.00
Flags and Wreaths .....		59.63
Refreshments .....		12.96
Credit Balance .....		82.41
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	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00

### RED CROSS SWIMMING CLASSES

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 150.00		
Leonard Wakefield .....		\$	150.00
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	\$ 150.00	\$	150.00

### CHRISTMAS FUND

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 100.00		
Cariddi Sales .....		\$	100.00
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	\$ 100.00	\$	100.00

### OLD CEMETERIES

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 35.00		
Credit Balance .....		\$	35.00
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	\$ 35.00	\$	35.00

### SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Unexpended Balance from 1951 .....	\$ 19,200.00		
Credit Balance .....		\$	19,200.00
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	\$ 19,200.00	\$	19,200.00

### MISCELLANEOUS

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,600.00		
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	269.06		
Selectmen's Expense .....		\$	72.82
Town Clerk's Expense .....			71.89
Town Treasurer's Expense .....			20.22
Assessors' Expense .....			141.91
Tax Collector's Expense .....			44.85
Sealer's Expense .....			10.63
Sheriff's Expense .....			32.00
Road Superintendent's Expense .....			2.71
Recorder Gazette .....			27.50
Advertising .....			25.36
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....			91.65
Office Expense .....			19.55
Frank J. Wells — Water Rent .....			35.00
Avis Churchill — Water Rent .....			18.00
National Shawmut Bank of Boston—Postage			1.03
Printing Ballots .....			21.00
Printing Town Reports .....			596.90
Postage .....			2.60
Yankee Doodle Days .....			150.00



Christmas Party .....		33.52
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett — Legal Fees .....		201.06
Regional School Survey — Printing .....		173.86
Police Department Expense .....		75.00
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	\$ 1,869.06	\$ 1,869.06

**EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 380.88	
Franklin County Retirement System .....		\$ 380.88
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	\$ 380.88	\$ 380.88

**FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSE**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 15.00	
Credit Balance .....		\$ 15.00
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	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00

**RESERVE FUND**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,800.00	
Town Hall — Redecoration .....		\$ 100.00
Memorial Day .....		100.00
Miscellaneous .....		269.06
Veteran's Benefits .....		207.96
Officer's Salaries .....		8.93
Credit Balance .....		1,114.05
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	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00

**CEMETERY FUNDS**

Treasurer, Leavitt Cemetery .....		\$ 7.00
Treasurer, Village Cemetery .....		50.31
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		\$ 57.31

**WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER**

Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center ..	\$ 259.00
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**WITHHOLDING TAX**

Collector of Internal Revenue .....	\$ 4,544.68
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**BRIDGE NOTE AND INTEREST**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,030.00	
National Shawmut Bank of Boston .....		\$ 1,030.00
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	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 1,030.00

### LIBRARY

Town Appropriation .....	\$	460.00		
Librarian's Salary — Mrs. Homer S. Tanner .....			\$	250.00
The Personal Book Shop .....				144.31
Gaylord Brothers, Inc. ....				3.50
Moore-Cottrell Subscription Agencies .....				43.65
Credit Balance .....				18.54
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	\$	460.00	\$	460.00

### INTEREST ON LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

From Maxwell Library Fund .....	\$	25.15		
From Fred W. Hawkes Fund .....		20.10		
The Personal Book Shop .....			\$	45.25
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	\$	45.25	\$	45.25

### TYLER LIBRARY

Town Appropriation .....	\$	180.00		
Credit Balance .....			\$	180.00
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	\$	180.00	\$	180.00

### TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$	531.06		
Halligan and Warner .....			\$	531.06
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	\$	531.06	\$	531.06

### LIABILITY INSURANCE ON TOWN VEHICLES

Town Appropriation .....	\$	250.10		
Halligan and Warner .....			\$	226.54
Credit Balance .....				23.56
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	\$	250.10	\$	250.10

### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$	600.00		
H. A. Hicks Insurance Agency .....			\$	538.03
Credit Balance .....				61.97
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	\$	600.00	\$	600.00

### BONDING TOWN OFFICERS

Town Appropriation .....	\$	134.00		
H. A. Hicks Insurance Agency .....			\$	134.00
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	\$	134.00	\$	134.00

**FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT FUND**

Franklin County Retirement System ..... \$ 474.71

**STATE AND COUNTY TAXES**

State Treasurer, Parks and Reservations ..... \$ 143.17  
State Treasurer, Auditing Town Accounts .... 580.08  
County Treasurer, Dog Licenses ..... 299.60  
County Treasurer, County Tax ..... 4,043.55  

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\$ 5,066.40

**MOTOR EXCISE REFUNDS**

2 Refunds for 1951 Tax ..... \$ 11.20  
6 Refunds for 1952 Tax ..... 122.45  

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\$ 133.65

**PERSONAL PROPERTY REFUNDS**

1 Refund for 1949 Tax ..... \$ 2.00  
1 Refund for 1952 Tax ..... 4.10  

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\$ 6.10

**WILDCAT BOUNTY**

2 Bounties ..... \$ 20.00

**POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND**

Deposit in Savings Account ..... \$ 29.01

**TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND**

Deposit in Savings Account ..... \$ 247.08

**RECAPITULATION**

Snow Roads and Bridges ..... \$ 4,975.31  
Chapter 81 ..... 15,275.00  
Chapter 90, South River Road ..... 2,349.17  
Chapter 90, Bissell Bridge ..... 7,917.57  
Chapter 90, North River Road ..... 13,116.13  
Chapter 90, Maintenance ..... 4,500.00  
Machinery — New Equipment ..... 5,306.70  
Machinery ..... 5,289.67  
Bridge Repairs and Guard Rail ..... 700.00  
Sidewalks ..... 277.35  
Disability Assistance ..... 544.60  
Aid to Dependent Children ..... 930.45  
Old Age Assistance ..... 26,990.34

Welfare .....	861.34
Veteran's Benefits .....	1,607.96
Western Franklin Welfare District Admin.	407.00
Board of Health .....	189.50
Public Health Nursing Service .....	2,221.76
Town Hall .....	1,641.42
Town Hall — Redecoration .....	139.22
Officers' Salaries .....	4,008.93
Fire Department .....	1,477.40
Street Lights .....	1,137.00
Legion Rooms .....	360.00
Employees Retirement Fund .....	380.88
Library .....	486.71
Town Property Insurance .....	531.06
Liability Insurance on Town Vehicles .....	226.54
Workmen's Compensation Insurance .....	538.03
Bonding Town Officers .....	134.00
Bridge Note and Interest .....	1,030.00
Gypsy Moth and Dutch Elm Suppression .....	298.65
Memorial Day .....	142.59
Red Cross Swimming Classes .....	150.00
Christmas Fund .....	100.00
Miscellaneous .....	1,869.06
Cemetery Funds .....	57.31
Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center ..	259.00
Withholding Tax .....	4,544.68
Franklin County Retirement Fund .....	474.61
State and County Taxes .....	5,066.40
Motor Excise Refunds .....	133.65
Personal Property Refunds .....	6.10
Wildcat Bounty .....	20.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund .....	29.01
Tyler Memorial Library Fund .....	247.08
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	\$118,949.28

# MACHINERY EARNINGS

	<i>Sh. Rds. &amp; Brs.</i>	<i>Chap. 81</i>	<i>Chap 90C So. River</i>	<i>Chap. 90C No. River</i>	<i>Chap. 90 Main.</i>	<i>Bd. of Health</i>	<i>Side- walks</i>	<i>Br. Rep. &amp; Gd. Rail</i>
Truck #1 Pickup	\$ 44.40	\$ 102.04	\$ 12.00	\$ 41.60	\$ 3.20	\$.....	\$ 12.80	\$ 1.20
Truck #2 Mack	466.50	573.00	78.00	261.00	18.00	.....	4.50	.....
Truck #3 Int.	532.80	933.00	126.00	318.00	33.00	3.00	4.50	10.50
Tr. 1, T-D Snow plow	76.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tr. 2, T-D Bulldozer	67.50	332.50	92.00	440.00	30.00	20.00	.....	.....
Tr. 3, Farmall M.	198.00	371.00	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....
Truck Plow #1	70.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Truck Plow #2	65.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tr. Plow #3	24.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tr. Plow #4	42.50	323.00	.....	302.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tr. Plow #5	25.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loader	36.00	104.00	48.00	.....	12.00	.....	.....	12.00
Sander #1 New	48.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sander #2 Old	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Scraper	.....	13.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maintainer	.....	160.00	.....	6.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....
Cement Mixer	.....	26.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....
	\$1,747.20	\$2,939.50	\$ 356.00	\$1,368.60	\$ 100.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 26.80	\$ 23.70



**MACHINERY EARNINGS — Out of Town**

	<i>Town of Hawley</i>	<i>Town of Buckland</i>	<i>Town of Monroe</i>	<i>Town of Rowe</i>	<i>Town of Heath</i>	<i>Town of Leyden</i>	<i>Town of Cobrain</i>	<i>Town of Shelburne</i>
#1 Truck	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ .40	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
#2 Truck	18.00	34.50	27.00	27.00	27.00	18.00	43.50	12.00
#3 Truck	25.50	.....	27.00	31.50	34.50	18.00	58.50	.....
#2 Sander	8.50	.....	9.00	9.00	13.50	6.00	17.50	.....
Mixer	11.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loader	22.00	.....	.....	12.00	46.00	.....	.....	.....
Maintainer	10.00	23.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	12.00	29.00	8.00
	<u>\$ 95.00</u>	<u>\$ 57.50</u>	<u>\$ 81.00</u>	<u>\$ 97.90</u>	<u>\$ 139.00</u>	<u>\$ 54.00</u>	<u>\$ 148.50</u>	<u>\$ 20.00</u>



Levy of 1952:		Civilian Defense	500.00
Poll	\$ 98.00		<u>19,700.00</u>
Personal Property	467.41	Loans Authorized and Unissued	130,000.00
Real Estate	3,148.57	Overestimate 1952:	
	<u>3,713.98</u>	County Tax	360.76

*General Accounts*

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:	
Levy of 1947	\$ 2.00	Road Machinery Earnings	9,878.37
Levy of 1949	11.15	Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus	3,773.11
Levy of 1950	5.09		
Levy of 1951	110.36	Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Levy of 1952	575.35	Levy of 1948	\$ 31.53
	<u>703.95</u>	Levy of 1949	19.92
Departmental:		Levy of 1950	21.20
Disability Assistance	\$ 5.73	Levy of 1951	497.31
Aid to Dependent Children	88.62	Levy of 1952	1,437.05
	<u>94.35</u>		<u>2,007.01</u>

Aid to Highways:		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
State	\$ 23,144.14	Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$ 703.95
		Departmental	94.35

County	2,000.00	Aid to Highways	25,144.14
	<u>25,144.14</u>		
Appropriation voted to be withdrawn from		Surplus Revenue	25,942.44
Post--War Rehabilitation Fund	11,413.79		<u>50,253.27</u>
Loans Authorized	130,000.00		\$245,952.52
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:			

Underestimates 1952:

State Parks and Reservations	\$ 9.01
Tax	43.40
Audit of Municipal Accounts	1.40
Overpayment to Collector of Internal Revenue	
To be adjusted	
Highways — Chapter 90 —	
South River Road	349.17
Highways — Chapter 90	
North River Road	13,116.13
	<u>13,519.11</u>
	\$245,952.52

*Debt Accounts*

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loan:	
Inside Debt Limit	\$ 2,000.00	Inside Debt Limit:	
		Deerfield River Bridge Loan	\$ 2,000.00





# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT, 1952

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## RECEIPTS

General Cash in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1952 .....	\$ 61,783.56
County Treasurer, Dog License refund .....	251.33
Town Clerk, Dog Licenses .....	304.40
County reimbursement for Dog Board .....	9.00
Mrs. Tanner, Book sale .....	3.15
Fred W. Hawkes, Library Fund Interest .....	20.10
Maxwell, Library Fund Interest .....	25.15
Tyler Memorial Home Income .....	180.00
Tyler Memorial Fund Interest .....	132.17
S. W. Hawkes, Cemetery Fund, care of lot .....	3.00
F. M. Legate, Cemetery Fund, care of lot .....	4.00
Potter Cemetery Fund Interest .....	25.15
L. W. Sears Cemetery Fund Interest .....	12.58
M. Mantor & J. Lyman Cemetery Fund Interest .....	12.58
Stanton Kendrick, Sealers Fees .....	38.20
John W. McHaffie, steel culvert .....	20.00
John W. McHaffie, junk .....	31.30
Advertisements in paper .....	15.65
District Court Fines .....	30.00
County of Franklin refund on Bob Cats .....	20.00
All Alcoholic 1952 License .....	500.00
All Alcoholic 1953 Licenses .....	1,500.00
Club License .....	250.00
Seasonal Liquor Licenses .....	700.00
Wine and Malt Package Store License .....	100.00
Package Store License .....	300.00
Licenses and Permits other than liquor .....	209.10
Town Hall Rent .....	340.00
State Treasurer, reimbursement for loss of Taxes .....	791.30
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax .....	4,188.79
State Treasurer, Meal Tax .....	1,051.21
State Treasurer, Live Stock disease control .....	37.50
State Treasurer, Veterans' Services .....	964.40
State Treasurer, Income Tax .....	13,074.20
Fire Department .....	14.00

County Retirement .....	474.71	
Withholding Tax .....	4,543.28	
		\$ 91,959.81

#### HIGHWAYS

State Treasurer, Chapter 81 .....	\$ 11,504.47	
State Treasurer, Chapter 90 .....	3,300.00	
County Treasurer, Chapter 90 .....	2,300.00	
Machinery Earnings .....	7,295.94	
		\$ 24,400.41

#### BISSELL BRIDGE

State Treasurer .....	\$ 5,151.29	
County Treasurer .....	1,386.89	
		\$ 6,538.18

#### SCHOOLS

State Treasurer, H. S. Transportation .....	\$ 9,809.67	
State Treasurer, School Superintendents .....	2,053.33	
Jeanette L. Rich, Elementary Tuition .....	108.00	
Harold White, Tuition .....	64.80	
Town of Hawley, Tuition .....	960.00	
Town of Rowe, Tuition .....	1,228.35	
Town of Heath, Tuition .....	1,060.00	
Stephen Leonard School Fund Interest .....	66.37	
School Lunch Cafeteria Funds .....	5,858.48	
High School Athletic Funds .....	747.84	
		\$ 21,956.84

#### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer, O. A. A. Federal .....	\$ 11,451.95	
State Treasurer, O. A. A. State .....	11,335.77	
State Treasurer, A. D. C. Federal .....	517.13	
State Treasurer, A. D. C. State .....	260.45	
State Treasurer, Disability Assistance Federal .....	259.99	
State Treasurer, Disability Assistance State .....	26.76	
Town of Deerfield .....	117.72	
Town of Buckland .....	89.55	
Western Franklin Welfare District, Postage .....	21.00	
Conservators O. A. A. Refund .....	53.75	
		\$ 24,134.07

#### TAXES

1947 Motor Excise .....	\$ 3.62
1948 Real Estate .....	11.00

1948 Poll .....	2.00
1949 Real Estate .....	194.85
1950 Motor Excise .....	5.60
1950 Real Estate .....	453.60
1950 Personal .....	44.74
1950 Poll .....	2.00
1951 Motor Excise .....	712.73
1951 Real Estate .....	3,514.19
1951 Personal .....	159.85
1951 Poll .....	32.00
1952 Motor Excise .....	5,521.68
1952 Real Estate .....	49,527.12
1952 Personal .....	6,130.84
1952 Poll .....	362.00
1952 Interest .....	141.12
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	\$ 66,818.94

INTEREST

Savings Bank Account A. Interest .....	\$ 109.68
Savings Bank Account B. Interest .....	71.10
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	\$ 180.78
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	\$235,989.03

PAYMENTS

Selectmen's Warrants .....	\$118,949.28
School Warrants .....	49,774.90
School Cafeteria Warrants .....	5,801.19
School Athletic Warrants .....	670.42
General Cash in Treasury December 31, 1952 .....	60,793.24
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	\$235,989.03

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER, Treasurer.

TOWN FUNDS HELD BY TREASURER  
DECEMBER 31, 1952

Fred W. Hawkes Library Fund .....	\$ 1,000.00
Maxwell Library Fund .....	1,000.00
F. L. Tyler Memorial Library Income Fund .....	2,041.05
Stephen Leonard School Fund .....	2,869.00
Potter Cemetery Fund .....	1,000.00
Jennie Z. & Lewis Sears Cemetery Fund .....	500.00

Moses Mantor & Josiah Lyman Cemetery Fund .....	500.00
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund .....	273.67
F. M. Legate Cemetery Fund .....	214.26
Philemon Rice Cemetery Fund .....	175.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund and Interest .....	12,199.99

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER, Treasurer.

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## VITAL STATISTICS BIRTHS

<i>1952</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
Jan. 21—	Dennis Robert Purinton	Robert Purinton Beverly Call
Feb. 3—	Ronnie Charles Parker	Floyd Parker Lurena Purinton
Feb. 10—	Barbara Jane Rice	Floyd Arthur Rice Josephine Lynch
Feb. 21—	Betty Jane Martin	Ernest L. Martin Grace May Battis
Mar. 11—	Infant Burnett	Norman A. Burnett Phyllis J. Unwin
Apr. 8—	Dennis Carl Avery	Henry Laurence Avery Jr. Frances Mary Anderson
May 28—	Marlene Dorothy Hall	Bernard Hall Claire Lemay
June 20—	Lorene Lisle Pierce	Lyle Willis Pierce Eleanor Burdick
Aug. 3—	Robert Howard Bolton	Norman I. Bolton Jean S. Sibley
Sept. 11—	Susan Jane Barlow	Van Maxwell Barlow Beverly Lois Cilley
Sept. 11—	Nancy Joan Barlow	Van Maxwell Barlow Beverly Lois Cilley
Sept. 24—	Martha Jane Warner	Charles Warner Ruth L. Seaver
Oct. 6—	Brenda Ellen Dow	Raymond Edward Dow Evelyn Edna Cilley
Oct. 15—	Elizabeth Teresa Warren	Thomas Warren Teresa K. Kelly



Oct. 15—Mary Katherine Warren	Thomas Warren Teresa K. Kelly
Oct. 18—Dale Wendall Goodwin	Charles W. Goodwin Katherine Danilo
Nov. 26—Marie Jean Angeli	Jean August Angeli Antionette Golash
Dec. 3—Deborah Faye Herzig	Frederick Herzig Vivian Cady

#### COMPARISON TABLE OF BIRTHS

1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
23	18	20	16	18

#### MARRIAGES

<i>1952</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Jan. 19—	Charlie Joseph Gilbert Mabel Haines Fisk	Charlemont, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
Mar. 9—	Joseph M. Welcome Thelma Jane Shaw	Deerfield, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
July 7—	Guy C. Dickinson Esther May Farinon	Williamstown, Mass. Williamstown, Mass.
July 22—	Bernard Leon LaRock Bernice May Adler	West Halifax, Vermont Charlemont, Mass.
Aug. 2—	Harry F. Legate Laura E. (Dugas) Genest	Charlemont, Mass. Central Falls, R. I.
Sept. 20—	Edwin J. Lively Eleanor Mae Sears	Heath, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
Oct. 18—	Richard Walter Hamlin Eleanor Ruth Anderson	Springfield, Mass. Springfield, Mass.
Nov. 15—	Ernest R. Maynard Ruby Mae Hicks	Ashburnham, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.

#### COMPARISON TABLE OF MARRIAGES

1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
14	20	9	13	8	8

## DEATHS

<i>1952</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
Feb. 7—	Fred Moulton Taintor .....	90	9	22
Feb. 10—	Irada E. Willis .....	64	6	21
Mar. 11—	Infant Burnett .....	Stillborn		
Mar. 17—	Edward G. Converse .....	76	0	0
Apr. 5—	Frank Emerson Stafford .....	79	8	25
Apr. 10—	Hannah Matilda (Kulp) Heist .....	77	7	11
Apr. 16—	Cassen A. (Willis) Hicks .....	90	3	13
May 23—	Luther E. Flanders .....	89	10	3
July 7—	Lyman Brown Pierce .....	74	5	18
Aug. 5—	Fred Abram Campbell .....	69	9	24
Oct. 13—	Adelbert Stone .....	66	4	26
Dec. 13—	Bertha A. (Taylor) Patrick .....	63	11	4

### COMPARISON TABLE OF DEATHS

1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
9	10	19	21	12

### 366 FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED

17	Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses to persons seventy or more years old .....	Free
13	Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting Licenses .....	Free
3	Resident Citizen Old Age Assistance, and to the Blind, Fishing Licenses .....	Free
53	Resident Citizen Fishing Licenses at \$3.25 .....	\$ 172.25
96	Resident Citizen Hunting Licenses at \$3.25 .....	312.00
84	Resident Citizen Sporting Licenses at \$5.25 .....	441.00
24	Resident Citizen Minor Fish. Licenses at \$1.25 .....	30.00
35	Resident Citizen Female Licenses at \$2.25 .....	78.75
2	Resident Citizen Trapping Licenses at \$5.25 ....	10.50
21	Special Non-Resident Fishing Licenses at \$2.75 .....	57.75
4	Non-Resident Citizen's or Resident Alien Fishing Licenses at \$7.75 .....	31.00
8	Non-Resident Citizen Hunt. Licenses at \$15.25 .....	122.00
1	Non-Resident Citizen Sport. Licenses at \$20.25 .....	20.25
1	Non-Resident Military or Naval Sporting License at \$2.00 .....	2.00
4	Duplicate Licenses at \$ .50 .....	2.00
—————		\$1,279.50

Paid Division of Fisheries and Game ....	\$1,197.25	
Fees retained .....	82.25	
		—————\$1,279.50

**123 DOG LICENSES ISSUED — 1 KENNEL LICENSE**

57 Male Dog Licenses at \$2.00 .....	\$ 114.00	
20 Female Dog Licenses at \$5.00 .....	100.00	
45 Spayed Female Dog Licenses at \$2.00 .....	90.00	
1 Kennel License at \$25.00 .....	25.00	
		—————\$ 329.00

Paid Town Treasurer .....	\$ 304.40	
Fees retained .....	24.60	
		—————\$ 329.00

Respectfully submitted,

**MARY L. CARPENTER**  
Town Clerk

# ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Charlemont Board of Assessors report the following valuation for 1952.

	Personal	Real
Adams, Dorothy .....		\$ 3,465.00
Adams, Glen E. & Dorothy L. ....	\$ 1,510.00	6,320.00
Adams, N. Eugene & Eva M. ....		5,145.00
Adler, Carl .....	250.00	
Adler, Pearl I. ....		5,460.00
Adler, Frank R. & Florence B. ....		300.00
Albee, John E. ....		1,300.00
Aldrich, Allie C. ....	200.00	4,525.00
Anderson, Mrs. Andres .....	100.00	1,595.00
Anderson, Raymond A. ....		450.00
Anderson, Mrs. Esther T. ....		540.00
Andrews, Mrs. Bertha M. ....		1,790.00
Andrews, Warren M. & Irene .....	115.00	1,190.00
Angeli, Emma .....		3,320.00
Annear, Cyrus C. & Lillian W. ....	550.00	4,085.00
Anthony, Arthur J. & Casagrande, Chas. E. ....		100.00
Aphsaga, Bronie J. P. ....		5,660.00
Askew, Doris H. & Smith, Gene E. ....		2,345.00
Atkins, Ralph E. & Doris G. ....		1,675.00
Avery, A. L. & Son .....	9,950.00	
Avery, Henry L. Jr. ....		4,765.00
Avery, Henry L. Sr. ....		12,220.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		5,335.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		2,670.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		2,570.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		3,415.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		375.00
Avery, Francis W. ....	460.00	6,115.00
Avery, Francis W. ....		3,795.00
Babcock, Henry E. & Daniel H. ....		1,125.00
Ballard, David K. ....	2,100.00	
Ballard, Ruth K., Barbara & David K. ....		7,050.00
Bannish, John E. ....		5,070.00
Barlow, Van M. ....		1,900.00
Baxter, Chas. M. ....	125.00	1,490.00
Bicknell, Fred O. ....		3,575.00
Bilhoefer, John A. & Ruthetta F. ....		2,645.00
Bissland, James H. & Elsie C. ....		7,395.00

	Personal	Real
Blakeslee, Audrey L. ....	1,000.00	4,600.00
Bliss, Marion E. & Verne E., Jr. ....		2,710.00
Booth, Robert .....	50.00	280.00
Booth, William H. ....		675.00
Boston & Maine Railroad .....		7,000.00
Boullie, William J. & Anna T. ....		2,750.00
Boullie, William J. & Anna T. ....		675.00
Boullie, William J. ....	650.00	
Bowen, Helen M. ....	1,070.00	9,115.00
Brant, James R. & Lorna D. ....		2,150.00
Breen, Roy H. ....		3,080.00
Bremer, Hugo H. ....	70.00	
Bremer, Ruth M. ....		4,315.00
Brown, Agnes A. ....	150.00	6,635.00
Brown, Azalia M. & Rowena J. ....	200.00	8,895.00
Brownsword, Walter A. ....		3,590.00
Brownsword, Walter A. ....		8,820.00
Brownsword, Walter W. ....	2,600.00	
Burger, Celia L. ....		1,240.00
Burnett, Norman A. & Phyllis J. ....		3,225.00
Burnett, Wilbur L. ....	935.00	3,520.00
Burrington, Mrs. Anna M. ....		740.00
Burt, Harold A. & Marie .....		3,850.00
Burt, William R. ....		4,925.00
Burt, William R. & Son .....	2,295.00	
Callanan, Chas. A. & Valida A. ....		1,155.00
Canady, Jennie .....		2,540.00
Carlson, John R. ....	200.00	4,435.00
Carpenter, Mary L. ....		2,930.00
Carroll, Fred W. & Louise .....	100.00	10,320.00
Cetto, Enrico .....		3,145.00
Champlin, Ray E. & Harriet M. ....		1,700.00
Charlemont Plantation, Inc. ....		1,040.00
Charlemont Wood Turning Co. ....		9,990.00
Chisholm, Sidney M. & Thelma G. ....	1,000.00	22,850.00
Churchill, Avis M. ....		2,990.00
Churchill, Merritt H. ....		100.00
Churchill, Ruth B. ....		5,225.00
Clark, Mrs. Cora .....		4,260.00
Clark, Francis J., Lawrence A., & Horace T. ....		4,510.00
Clark, Horace T. ....		6,160.00
Clark, Lawrence .....		4,500.00
Clark, Inez T. ....		6,285.00
Clark, Mrs. Margaret .....		625.00



	Personal	Real
Clark, Merle B. & Gladys B. ....	100.00	5,950.00
Coates, Allen M. & Sylvia B. ....		625.00
Connolly, Joseph P. ....		1,000.00
Crocker, Frederick H. & Jennie M. ....		1,615.00
Cronk, Paul B. & Irene L. ....		1,430.00
Dahmen, Doris M. G. ....		2,275.00
Dally, Aristedes K. ....	1,150.00	21,465.00
Davenport, Carlton P. ....		80.00
Davenport, Carlton P. ....		1,000.00
Davenport, James P. ....		475.00
Davenport, Louis A. & Ellen A. ....		3,370.00
Davenport, William A. ....		400.00
Dean, Russell & Irene ....		1,785.00
Dennis, Lot & Rowe Fred. ....		5,440.00
DiBenedetto, Salvatore & Marion ....	100.00	2,000.00
Dickinson, Alice G. ....	230.00	3,365.00
Dickinson, Richard R. ....		250.00
Dickinson, Richard R. & Ethel May ....		3,370.00
Dickson, Ira R. ....	2,160.00	22,300.00
Dimick, George H. ....		3,625.00
Dimick, John H. ....		2,375.00
Dimick, John H. & Eva M. ....		2,270.00
Dimick, John H. & Eva M. ....		2,450.00
Dumas, Philorum A. L. & Mary Louise ....		3,875.00
Dion, Jennie M. & Donald G. ....		1,100.00
Dunlop, Leslie R. & Marion E. ....	500.00	1,960.00
Earle, Ralph ....		940.00
Elliot, William S. ....		500.00
Ellsworth, Bernice S. ....		2,790.00
Ellsworth, Horace E. & Bernice S. ....		3,910.00
Ellsworth, Horace E. ....	600.00	160.00
Falandes, Maximillian P. & Catherine ....		6,775.00
Farrington, Arthur W. ....		820.00
Feder, Sidney J. & Ethel ....	450.00	4,445.00
Fisk, Roscoe R. ....		120.00
Fisk, Emma W. ....		5,030.00
Fitzroy, Alton P. & Irene ....		4,120.00
Foliated Talc Co. ....		200.00
Formosi, Diomede ....	445.00	
Formosi, Ellen Ellery ....		2,700.00
Freiberg, Edward & Sarah ....		5,250.00
Fuller, Fred A. ....		450.00
Fusco, William et al ....		1,000.00

	Personal	Real
Galvin, Leon R. & Doris H. ....		2,460.00
Garcia, Elsie G. ....	150.00	1,440.00
Gibson, Herbert D. & Constance D. ....		2,550.00
Gilbert, Clifford J. ....		150.00
Gilbert, Fred J. & Marjorie E. ....		4,310.00
Gilbert, George J. & Aldea M. ....		4,720.00
Gilbert, Mabel H. ....		4,545.00
Giles, Burton F. & Margaret L. ....		1,215.00
Gingras, Arthur W. & Lillian G. ....	1,000.00	6,025.00
Gleason, Francis ....		455.00
Goodwin, Charles W. & Katherine ....	700.00	2,240.00
Goodwin, John P. ....	1,000.00	
Gould, Grace C. ....		5,315.00
Gould, Cyril G. & Hazel M. ....	2,000.00	8,770.00
Graff, Edward T. & Mary F. ....		4,065.00
Gribbon, George H. & Barbara ....		3,000.00
Grover, Albina A. ....		4,520.00
Hager, Verne E. ....	350.00	3,890.00
Hall, Bernard R. & Clare H. ....		3,115.00
Hallahan, William E. ....	3,050.00	4,595.00
Halligan, Burdette I. & Mabel D. ....		3,405.00
Harker, Mason E. ....		150.00
Harmon, James D. ....		2,255.00
Harris, Ethel M. ....		630.00
Harris, Ethel M. & Alfred E. ....	1,785.00	4,610.00
Harris, Herbert R. ....	135.00	1,670.00
Harris, Herman F. ....	615.00	835.00
Harris, Herman F. & Esther G. ....		3,495.00
Harris, Ralph E. Est. ....		200.00
Harwood, Clarence ....		3,195.00
Hathaway, Arthur L. ....		2,850.00
Hawkes, Maria Est. ....		1,630.00
Hawkes, Norman W. & Ruth S. ....		5,150.00
Healy, Allen ....		160.00
Healy, John J. ....		32,385.00
Healy, Winston ....	4,380.00	7,610.00
Heist, Claude W. ....	75.00	2,595.00
Heist, Hannah H. ....		4,295.00
Heist, Paul E. & Phyllis ....	90.00	2,290.00
Henderson, Kenneth W. ....	250.00	
Henderson,, Walter A. & Lenabel M. ....		3,650.00
Hicks, Ray C. ....	3,555.00	7,395.00
Hicks, Roy A. & Ethel M. ....	1,190.00	3,785.00
Hogaman, Mrs. Hazel M. ....		3,265.00

	Personal	Real
Howes, Earle K. & Leora M. ....		4,645.00
Hunkler, Harley D. ....		650.00
Hunkler, Lawrence ....		2,465.00
Hunkler, Rosa ....		2,180.00
Hunt, Blanche L. ....		3,125.00
Hutchenson, Milton E. & Esther C. ....		2,355.00
Hytinen, Reino A. & Virginia B. ....		1,335.00
Jones, Gerald D. & Walter C. ....		1,400.00
Johnson, Marshall A. & Rebecca P. ....	1,185.00	7,860.00
Kendrick, Stanton C. ....	1,145.00	8,435.00
Kennedy, Cecil H. ....	3,900.00	29,000.00
Kenyon, Alfred R. & Dorothy ....		3,410.00
King, Mrs. Grace T. ....		3,040.00
King, Mrs. Grace T. ....		2,115.00
Kirchleckner, Frank ....	845.00	930.00
Koonchaug Building Assn. ....		2,000.00
Langevin, Harold J. & Beda A. ....		4,345.00
Langevin, Harold J. & Beda A. ....		100.00
Langevin, Harold J. & Beda A. ....		4,425.00
Lanoué, D. Ambrose ....		11,890.00
Lanoué, D. Ambrose ....		2,635.00
Lanoué, D. Ambrose ....		600.00
Laramée, Lawrence L. & Eugene B. ....		1,900.00
Lee, Frank H. & Caroline ....		3,955.00
Lees, Mrs. Minnie ....		1,740.00
Legate, Annie S. ....		450.00
Legate, Harry F. ....		3,930.00
Legate, Ida L. ....		630.00
Liese, Jessie E. ....		5,675.00
Liese, Cyrus S., Jr., & Elaine S. ....		4,125.00
Lilly, Sarah ....		1,210.00
Lively, Elise & Trudell ....		2,460.00
Long, David W. ....		2,500.00
Longley, Stephen & Louise ....		1,620.00
Longridge Co., Inc. ....		1,000.00
Lyman, Frank O. ....	280.00	
Lyman, Geraldine M. ....		5,635.00
Malcolm, David J. ....		5,340.00
Mann, T. S. Lbr. Co. ....		1,950.00
Martin, Carol ....		585.00
Martin, Edward H. & Ruby T. ....		3,250.00
Massoth, William H. & Victoria L. ....		6,690.00

	Personal	Real
Maynard, Earle O. ....		2,190.00
McHaffie, John W. Jr., & Lois E. ....		3,560.00
McHaffie, John W. ....		2,360.00
McHaffie, William E. & Marjorie ....		1,315.00
McKinstry, Roger E. & Doris ....	600.00	7,725.00
McKinstry, Roger E. & Doris ....		385.00
Miller, Helen W. ....	500.00	3,995.00
Montagne, John A., Trustees ....		300.00
Moore, Ethel T. ....		750.00
Moriarty, John M. ....	300.00	2,620.00
Muhlmeister, Otto H. ....		1,415.00
Muller, Peter J. ....		8,735.00
Murphy, Margaret ....		400.00
Newell, Ralph F. ....		2,905.00
New England Power Co. ....	7,240.00	72,900.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....	21,950.00	
Norcross, Ora Marie ....		6,970.00
Norman, Joseph W. & Cordilia M. ....		100.00
Northern Berkshire Gas Co. ....	35,000.00	
Palmer, Paul W. & Clarinda A. ....		2,820.00
Parker, James L. & Ruby Lenora ....	1,185.00	5,295.00
Phillips, Mark A. & Ava E. ....		3,030.00
Pierguide, Serefino ....		1,100.00
Pierson, William D. ....	4,395.00	15,030.00
Pike, Sherman & Elizabeth ....		7,200.00
Pitman, Mrs. Elise ....		4,165.00
Plantation House Inc. ....		6,930.00
Pleshaw, Charles ....		1,970.00
Pleshaw, Gervin D. & Gladys ....		4,300.00
Potter, W. N. Grain Stores Inc. ....	350.00	11,120.00
Pratt, Clement T. ....		450.00
Purinton, Albert T. ....	440.00	4,770.00
Purinton, Harry L. & Thelma G. ....	175.00	1,645.00
Purinton, Richard D. & Myrtle L. ....	50.00	3,370.00
Purinton, Gordon ....		600.00
Ranville, Alfred G. ....		800.00
Raymond, Donald W. & Catherine ....		3,570.00
Raymond, Gerald T. & Bessie B. ....		2,300.00
Reed, Claude E. & Bonnalyne ....		220.00
Rice, Aubrey L. & Amelia A. ....	1,800.00	4,590.00
Rice, Floyd, Jr. & Josephine ....	350.00	2,050.00
Richards, Mrs. Sarah A. F. ....		2,815.00

	Personal	Real
Richmond, Burke E. ....		4,935.00
Richmond, Earle I. & Hazel .....	390.00	5,620.00
Rickett, Frank J. & Margaret M. ....		4,110.00
Ringchrist, George & Edna May .....		3,640.00
Rivers, Rena N. ....		5,535.00
Robinson, Thurman W. & Clara T. ....	610.00	3,895.00
Rowe Lumber Co. ....		370.00
Rowe, Frederick .....		200.00
Russell, Mary C. ....		1,345.00
Ryan, Helena P. ....		1,825.00
Sandri, Arcilo .....		1,235.00
Schechterle, William G. & Gertrude D. ....	40.00	400.00
Schaefer, Paul E. & Sofie .....		390.00
Schultz, Harold J. ....		160.00
Sears, Francis H. & Norma T. ....	2,130.00	8,805.00
Sears, John H. ....	80.00	
Sears, Mabel V. ....		4,825.00
Shaw, Ballard G. & Ella .....		5,860.00
Shaw, Harry P. ....		4,000.00
Shaw, Harry P. ....		800.00
Shaw, Lincoln .....		1,690.00
Shaw, Marlynn R. ....		3,875.00
Shaw, William L. & Ethel L. ....		1,475.00
Sherman, Cecil .....		670.00
Sherman, Elmer .....		315.00
Sherman, Floyd .....		465.00
Sherman, James M., Jr. ....		525.00
Sherman, Mrs. Lena M. ....		745.00
Sherman, Madeline .....		100.00
Shields, Edward G. & Gertrude I. ....		4,080.00
Shukis, Dominic S., Jr. & Stella B. ....	850.00	7,740.00
Sibley, Howard M. & Jeanette S. ....		225.00
Simmons, Arthur A. & Clara S. ....		1,460.00
Simmons, Mary W. ....	2,600.00	7,955.00
Slaunwhite, Stuart E. ....	2,190.00	3,325.00
Sloane, Cyril .....		325.00
Smart, Fred A. ....		3,825.00
Smith, Fred A. & Margaret E. ....		2,790.00
Smith, Fred A. & Margaret E. ....		740.00
Smith, J. Roger, et al .....	200.00	2,765.00
Smith, Walter A. ....		3,050.00
Snead, W. Hunter & Marjorie .....		4,610.00
Spear, Elbert F. & Winifred E. ....		6,090.00



	Personal	Real
Spofford Motors, Inc. ....		2,325.00
Stacey, Helen B. ....		300.00
Stafford, William P. & Grace M. ....		4,185.00
Streeter, Charles E. & Marjorie T. ....	235.00	6,435.00
Sykes, Robert R. ....		1,200.00
Tanner, Richard & Homer ....		5,235.00
Tarvin, James E. & Lena M. ....	2,995.00	10,840.00
Taylor, Archie F. ....	125.00	3,485.00
Taylor, Theron S. ....		6,825.00
Temple, John B. ....		545.00
Tennant, Charles V. & Jennie M. ....		2,285.00
Thompson, Mrs. Jane ....		3,040.00
Tinney, Erwin F. ....		1,710.00
Tinney, Floyd F. ....	170.00	1,480.00
Tinney, Floyd F. ....		635.00
Tinney, Lawrence S. ....		1,020.00
Tinney, Lawrence S., Jr. ....	75.00	
Tower, Mabel A. ....		5,205.00
Trs. Congregational Society ....		915.00
Trs. I. O. O. F. ....		6,460.00
Trs. Leavitt Cemetery ....		600.00
Turner, Christine M. ....		9,825.00
Turner, Christine M. ....		1,580.00
Turner, Dora E. & Leon A. ....		3,670.00
Turner, Dora E. & Leon A. ....		1,910.00
Turner, William C. ....		2,400.00
Van Nostrand, Lawrence H. ....		4,910.00
Vincent, Leslie I. ....	160.00	3,750.00
Veber, Laura M. & Leon H. ....		1,625.00
Vosburg, Claude E. ....		3,390.00
Wagner, Joseph A. & Gloria A. ....		5,100.00
Walsh, Mary E. ....		2,705.00
Warner, Mary E. ....		3,665.00
Ware, Alice F. ....		2,200.00
Wakefield, Leonard I. & Grace H. ....	1,000.00	14,100.00
Warfield, Horace E. ....	1,005.00	14,605.00
Weatherbee, Roger E. & Emily M. ....	165.00	1,725.00
Wells, Alice L. ....		5,670.00
Wells, Frank J. ....	4,600.00	15,350.00
Westcott, Mona R. ....		4,700.00
Western N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. ....		3,005.00
Western Union Telegraph Co. ....	2,950.00	

	Personal	Real
West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Inc. ....		1,100.00
Wheeler, Daniel G. ....	375.00	5,595.00
Whipple, Olin E. & Ruth McFall .....	2,500.00	5,175.00
Whitaker, Ernest W. & Tillie .....	320.00	2,680.00
White, Harold D. ....		150.00
Wilbur, Stephen C. ....	110.00	2,130.00
Willard, James R. ....	1,125.00	7,740.00
Willis, Roger W. & Marjorie A. ....	600.00	9,355.00
Wilson, Raymond W. & Mildred C. ....		4,505.00
Willey, C. H. Est. ....		4,350.00
Willey, C. H. Est. ....		3,820.00
Willey, C. H. Est. ....		5,085.00
Willey, C. H. Est. ....		5,100.00
Willey, C. H. Est. ....		2,930.00
Willey, C. H. Est. ....		675.00
Young, Florence N. ....		6,085.00
Young, Florence N. ....		935.00
Young, Florence N. ....		100.00
Number of Polls Assessed .....		233
Number of Horses Assessed .....		27
Number of Cattle Assessed .....		431
Number of Swine Assessed .....		2
Number of Goats Assessed .....		4
Number of Fowl Assessed .....		11,010
Number of Dwelling Houses .....		259
Number of acres of land .....		14,186
Assessed Value of Personal Property .....		161,230.00
Assessed Value of Real Estate .....		\$1,313,175.00
Tax Rate \$41.00 per 1,000.		
Number of Excise Commitments .....		9
Number of Motor Vehicles .....		411
Value of Motor Vehicles .....		147,500
Excise .....		6,320

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS W. AVERY,  
SHERMAN T. PIKE,  
WINIFRED E. SPEAR,

Assessors.

1, 313,175.-  
181 - 12,100.00

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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## 1948 Taxes Uncollected:

Polls .....	\$ 8.00	
Personal Property .....	22.83	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 30.83

## 1949 Taxes Uncollected:

Polls .....	\$ 10.00	
Personal Property .....	9.92	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 19.92

## 1950 Taxes Uncollected:

Polls .....	\$ 4.00	
Personal Property .....	17.20	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 21.20

## 1951 Taxes Uncollected:

Polls .....	\$ 22.00	
Personal Property .....	107.60	
Real Estate .....	367.71	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 497.31

## 1952 Taxes Outstanding:

Polls .....	\$ 96.00	
Personal Property .....	342.58	
Real Estate .....	3,213.14	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 3,651.72

## Motor Excise Taxes Outstanding:

1947 .....	\$ 2.00	
1949 .....	11.15	
1950 .....	5.09	
1951 .....	110.36	
1952 .....	578.98	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 707.58

Respectfully submitted,

FRED O. BICKNELL

# REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

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The total number of books circulated from the Library this year was 9,200 — adult fiction, 4,732, non-fiction, 726; juvenile fiction, 1542, non-fiction, 125 — this number includes magazines — books circulated from the library, those loaned from the Greenfield Bookmobile, and those from the Conway Federation.

The total number of books loaned from the Bookmobile to the Schools and homes in the town, (other than at the Library) was 2,452 — adult fiction 1,306, non-fiction 183, juvenile fiction 791, non-fiction 172.

Number of books circulated from the Conway Federation was 1,013, 603 adult and 410 juvenile — these, from January through August. We are feeling keenly the loss of the service which we have had for the past two years from the Federation. We hope we will be able to have the new project go through, for the expanded regional Library service which has been presented to the Library commissioners.

The library hours are, Wednesday from 2 till 5, Saturdays from 2 to 5, from 7 to 9. Books are loaned for two weeks, subject to renewal, fines will be charged at the rate of a penny a day. Please note the "Date due" slip at the back of the books — it will help the records very much, if a prompt return is made.

Respectfully submitted,

PEARLE L. TANNER.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Library Trustees have cooperated with the Franklin-Hampshire Rural Libraries Association in the development of plans for extending library service.

We also met with the Selectmen, the Town Counsel and the Trustee of the Tyler Estate relative to disposition of the Tyler building and funds. It is hoped some satisfactory solution can be found soon.

It is an established fact that two dollars per capita is the minimum amount on which a library can function efficiently. Charlemont's appropriation is only fifty-six cents

per capita, one of the lowest in this section. We feel it should be raised.

Full financial report of the Library and Tyler Memorial will be found in Selectmen's and Treasurer's Reports.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE GOULD

BLANCHE L. HUNT

W. H. WAKEFIELD

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## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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During the past year the Fire Department responded to 19 Town calls, 2 calls to the Town of Heath and 1 call to the Town of Hawley. Charlemont was fortunate in having no serious fires during the year.

This past summer, the Department took charge of the swimming classes for our school children. With funds voted by the Town a successful series of classes was held at the pool of the Arrow Gift Shop on T Street.

The Department conducted a successful fire extinguisher sales campaign throughout Charlemont, Hawley and Rowe, the Rowe Fire Department working in that Town.

As part of the Yankee Doodle Days celebration the Department held a square dance in Bissell Bridge with an estimated 500 in attendance.

The complete overhauling of the forest fire truck, and the purchase of hose and fittings has greatly increased the efficiency of the Department. We feel that by utilizing all our various sizes of hose that we can cover about every dwelling in town from a reliable water supply.

We extend an invitation to the townspeople to meet with us at our regular meetings the second Monday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD RAYMOND,

*Secretary and Treasurer, C. F. D. A.*



# Report of the Western Franklin Public Health District

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## OFFICERS

Mrs. Robert R. Ogden .....*Chairman*  
Frederick W. Burrington .....*Vice-chairman*  
Cyrus C. Annear .....*Secretary*  
Mrs. Mary L. Carpenter .....*Treasurer*

During 1952, this Public Health District Committee has made further study of its work, cooperating with the duties of the Public Health Nurse. The citizens of these four towns have also learned what to expect of the committee and of the nursing service. September brought to a close, by resignation, the service of Miss Julia Burnett, R.N. and the beginning of service of Miss Dorothy Morehouse, R.N. To fulfill the duties of any office before a well-defined program has been set up is always difficult, so the District appreciates the patience of Miss Burnett, who served us well during this formative stage. This committee was fortunate in securing Miss Morehouse who is an experienced Public Health Nurse. We are well satisfied with her work and trust our people are enjoying her labors among us.

Mrs. Harry Purinton, Mrs. Frederick Burrington, and Mrs. Floyd Veber served as dental committee. Further dental work has been done this year by Dr. Goodell of Shelburne Falls. This includes 3 cleanings, 4 extractions, 57 fillings and 6 x-rays. This dental care was given ten children from three families and transportation was provided by the nurse.

This committee appreciates the generous financial aid given by organizations. It has enabled us to continue to give special care where needed. Thanks also go to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pitman for their aid in the dental care of one child and their offer of further assistance in providing transportation.

There has been a good response to the District's program of distributing Vitamin A and D capsules through the schools during the winter. These capsules of the best quality obtainable are sold at replacement cost.

Under the law the District is administered by the Boards of Health of the member towns. An advisory committee consisting of

two other interested citizens of each town one of whom represents the school committee enlarges the group. We appreciate the faithful attendance and constructive efforts of this committee especially Mrs. Purinton, Mrs. Burrington, Mrs. Veber and Mr. W. P. Stafford.

The budget for 1953 and the Treasurer's report follow this report.

Your continued interest and support are essential. Your criticisms and suggestions for improvement will be welcomed as we are cooperating in maintaining a high standard of health in our district.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE L. OGDEN, *Chairman*

### REPORT OF TREASURER

#### Receipts:

Balance January 1, 1952 .....	\$	642.84
Town of Charlemont .....	\$	2,221.76
Town of Heath .....		796.48
Town of Hawley .....		628.80
Town of Rowe .....		544.96
	—————	\$ 4,192.00
Nurse's fees collected .....		411.50
Withholding Tax collected .....		377.70
Insurance Return Premium .....		24.75
Sale of automobile .....		300.00
Capsules .....		119.00
	—————	\$ 1,232.94
Contributions to dental fund:		
Rowe Grange .....		5.00
Heath Ladies' Aid .....		23.25
Charlemont Woman's Club .....		27.50
Charlemont Lion's Club .....		80.00
	—————	\$ 135.75
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Total Receipts .....	\$	6,203.53

#### Disbursements:

Nurse salary .....	\$	2,587.50
Nurse mileage .....		878.66
Supplies .....		96.31
Insurance Agency .....		107.49
Telephone .....		76.35
Vitamin Capsules .....		84.38

Treasurer's salary .....	50.00
Dental program .....	226.00
Withholding tax deducted (overpayment to collector to be adjusted next quarter \$4.80) .....	382.50
Total disbursements .....	\$ 4,489.19
Balance carried forward to 1953 .....	\$ 1,714.34

Respectfully submitted,  
 MARY L. CARPENTER, *Treasurer*

**1953 BUDGET**

Nurse's Salary .....	\$ 2,900.00
Nurse's Mileage .....	900.00
Supplies .....	100.00
Telephone .....	80.00
Rent .....	300.00
Treasurer's Salary .....	50.00
Miscellaneous .....	150.00
	\$ 4,480.00
From available cash .....	800.00
Total .....	\$ 3,680.00

**EACH TOWN'S SHARE**

Charlemont	53%	\$ 1,950.40
Hawley	15%	552.00
Heath	19%	699.20
Rowe	13%	478.40
		\$ 3,680.00

# Report of the Western Franklin Welfare District

The year 1952 brought several administrative changes in the Welfare District. One was caused by the admission of Rowe on March 1st. The District membership now consists of five towns.

The other changes were all necessitated by changes in the General Laws which were, or became, effective during the year. On Nov. 1st, 1951 a new category of aid was

established, known as Disability Assistance. This required a reclassification of welfare cases, three of which were transferred to the new classification.

On January 1st it became legally necessary to take liens on real estate owned by recipients of Old Age Assistance. Fifteen liens were placed in accordance with this provision.

Also on January 1st a new legal minimum grant for Old Age Assistance cases was established, necessitating a complete examination of all cases in order to meet the requirement. Similarly, all cases receiving Old Age and Survivors Insurance were re-examined on October 1st to conform with a new schedule of payments.

The District presently services 15 cases of Old Age and Survivors Insurance, 2 cases receiving Railroad Pensions, and one each of Postmasters Pension, Industrial Pension and Federal Soldiers Benefits.

The following is a statistical analysis of the District's activities:

Number of applications taken:	new	6
	reopened	2
Number of home visits made:		232
Number of office visits:		25
Number of visits from State Area Representatives:		14
Number of visits from Civilian Defense District Office:		2
Number of days State Auditor at office:		5
Number of Appeal Case Hearings attended:		2
Number of District Agent's Meetings attended:		8
Number of visits not classified as revisits (Re: liens, Town Treasurers, Board Members, obtaining records and Medical Reports)		48

#### **DISTRICT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES**

Balance brought forward from Dec. 31, 1951    \$ 1,085.25

**Town Appropriation:**

Charlemont .....	262.02
Hawley .....	111.00
Heath .....	144.00
Monroe .....	60.00
Rowe .....	540.49

**Federal Grant Administration:**

District (OAA) .....	2,352.32
District (ADC) .....	182.71
District (DA) .....	156.16

State Administration:

District (OAA) .....	1,474.15	
District (ADC) .....	119.23	
District (DA) .....	97.09	
District (GR) .....	27.27	
Withholding tax .....	451.20	
Franklin County Retirement .....	225.00	
Phyllis L. Heist, Agent .....		\$ 2,640.00
Phyllis L. Heist, transportation .....		195.65
Edith B. Lynch, Jr. Clerk .....		1,860.00
Mary L. Carpenter, Treasurer .....		50.00
Treasurers Bond .....		5.00
Telephone .....		98.48
Town of Charlemont, rent .....		290.00
Postage, box rent, etc. ....		113.05
Office Supplies .....		29.56
Miscellaneous expenses .....		38.25
Assessed share—Franklin County Retirement System .....		128.04
Withholding tax .....		451.20
Franklin County Retirement .....		225.00
Repairs .....		13.00
New Equipment .....		260.09
Credit balance carried forward to Jan. 1, 1953		890.57
	\$ 7,287.89	\$ 7,287.89

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS L. HEIST, *Agent*

I hereby certify the foregoing report to be a true statement of the financial transactions of the Western Franklin Welfare District for the year 1952.

Respectfully submitted

MARY L. CARPENTER, *Treasurer*



### DISTRICT LOAD ANALYSIS

	Old Age Assistance		Aid to Dependent Children		Disability Assistance		General Relief		TOTALS	
	Cases	Payments	Cases	Payments	Cases	Payments	Cases	Payments	Cases	Payments
77	\$62,101.92	3	\$2,514.25	3	\$1,942.40	4	\$1,206.79	87	\$67,765.36	

### CHARLEMONT LOAD ANALYSIS

Mo.	Old Age Assistance		Aid to Dependent Children		Disability Assistance		General Relief		
	Totals	Medicals	No. Cases	Totals	Med. Cases	Totals	Med. Cases	Totals	Med. Cases
Jan. '52*	\$ 1,185.51	\$ 186.51	35	\$ 41.10	2	\$ 21.45	1	\$ 65.00	1
Feb.	2,458.41	392.25	35	82.20	2	42.90	1	72.50	1
Mar.	2,298.70	305.60	34—1C**	82.20	2	42.90	1	108.64	14.75
Apr.	2,082.30	138.55	34—1C	82.20	2	42.90	1	91.20	11.20
May	2,355.46	423.88	34—2 New	82.20	2	42.90	1	65.00	1
June	2,130.30	205.60	34	82.20	2	42.90	1	65.00	1
July	2,128.97	217.07	34	56.85	2	42.90	1	65.00	1
Aug.	2,087.25	181.35	34	62.70	2	52.90	10.00	65.00	1
Sept.	2,063.00	157.10	34	62.70	2	42.90	1	65.00	1
Oct.	2,007.83	153.83	34	83.60	2	42.90	1	65.00	1

Nov.	1,996.75	141.00	34	85.00	2	47.85	1	65.00	1
Dec.	1,973.31	117.01	34	85.00	2	52.80	1	65.00	1
Jan. '53*	918.80		34	42.50	2	26.40	1		
Totals	\$25,721.31	\$2,619.75	37	\$930.45	2	\$544.60	\$10.00	\$857.34	\$25.95

1 Transient \$4.00 Charged to General Relief  
 Paid to other Towns: \$1,269.03 for 7 cases

\* For 1/2 month  
 \*\* Closed

# Report of the Park Commissioners

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During the past year many improvements were made at Memorial Park because of the activities for Yankee Doodle Days held in August.

Through the efforts of the Lions Club and interested citizens, helped by an appropriation from the town, much work was done in cleaning the exhibit hall, cutting the grass and brush, and grading the old race track.

An extra stairway to the grandstand and rest rooms were built.

Horse and cattle drawing contests, two parades, an auction and barbeque were held at the Park during the three day celebration.

During the summer and fall the Sportsmen's Club held the usual trap-shoots and the rifle range was also in use many times.

The Commission recommends that an appropriation be made each year for the up-keep of the buildings and improvements about the grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

AVIS M. CHURCHILL, *Chairman*

CHARLES L. PURINTON

HARRY F. LEGATE

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## VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

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To the Western Franklin Veterans' District Committee:

Herewith is my seventh annual report as Director of Veterans' Services and Veterans' Agent for the Towns of the Western Franklin District.

The interest shown by the attendance of Committee members at monthly meetings have been very encouraging and helpful and is greatly appreciated.

Due to the return of Korea veterans, Rehabilitation requests have increased during the past year. Our records show a total of 813 requests for 1952.

Fifty-five boys have registered at this office for Selective Service during the past year. Assistance in completing the Questionnaire have been given in many cases. Photostatic copies of the Report of Separation of returned veterans were furnished to the office of the Selective Service Board to complete their records whenever needed.

Able advice and assistance has been furnished by the Veterans' Administration Contact Representative, Edward A. O'Neil, in processing a number of pension applications and other related claims for Federal benefits.

Twelve new applications for Veterans' Benefits were processed during the year, and there are at present sixteen active cases on the books. The total for the District for Benefits administered under the provisions of Chapter 115, of the General Laws, as amended, is \$13,173.46 to date. Higher costs of food and rent have been responsible for the increase in payments.

The cost of operating the Veterans' Service Office was \$3,972.16 for 1952, with receipts of \$13.50 paid to the Treasurer for commercial photostat work done, making a net cost of \$3,959.11.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. SCOTT,  
Director and Veterans' Agent.

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## Report Of The East Charlemont School Survey Committee

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To the Citizens of Charlemont, Greetings:

Your Survey Committee appointed by action taken at the 1952 Town Meeting, herewith reports the results of its study.

The committee recommends that the East Charlemont School be preserved as a priceless heritage of the town.

The committee is of the opinion that a program should be eventually evolved whereby the building would serve as a community meeting place for civic and social purposes of a non-commercial nature and at the same time preserve its original significance as a rural educational landmark.

The committee make the following recommendations:

1. That a Board of Trustees of a continuing nature be appointed with the responsibility and the authority for preserving the building for future generations in a condition as near as possible as it was when last used for school purposes.
2. That the school be preserved as a modest rural educational museum and at the same time be available for such community gatherings as comply with rules and regulations which the Board of Trustees may from time to time adopt.
3. That the program for the future of the school be sufficiently simplified so as to be self-continuing during those periods in the future, which are sure to come, when interest in the project may lag. The basic plan should be a long term plan with permanency its basic objective.
4. That a Board of Trustees, consisting of five members, at least two of which shall reside in East Charlemont, to serve a term of five years, appointed by the moderator, be authorized at this town meeting.

In its effort to reach sound conclusions your committee endeavored to restore the schoolroom to an authentic reproduction of its last year of service. It was then open to the public for the three afternoons of Yankee Doodle Days. Results of the experiment were gratifying. An average of about 60 persons visited the school each afternoon and proved beyond a doubt the interest of the community and of the travelling public in the enterprise.

Your committee wishes to acknowledge its appreciation to the following for labor and time generously contributed in restoring the school: To Charlemont Lions Club for restoring the stone wall around the school house; to the Clark Brothers for repairing and painting the flag pole and donating a flag rope and for other repair jobs; to Carol Adams for painting the school house door and window sashes and for taking care of the flag each day; to Robert Dunlop for an attractive portable roadside sign inviting strangers to stop and visit; to Kenneth Henderson for use of truck in transporting antique school furniture; to the ladies of East Charlemont for scrubbing and cleaning the classroom; to Mrs. Mary Carpenter for use of original decorations and for arranging the classroom for visitors and to the League of Former One-Room School Teachers for serving as hostess during Yankee Doodle Days. The committee also wishes to acknowledge the



gift of an old-fashioned school slate from Charles O. Dean of Springfield and a number of old textbooks from out of town friends.

Your Survey Committee has operated this year with no financial outlay for any purpose. All services and materials were freely donated by citizens and organizations. We are of the opinion that the project can be carried on successfully with little expense to the taxpayers, once certain repairs are taken care of.

A new roof is needed over the open shed. This should be taken care of soon and the shed should be made available to the highway department for storage space for town machinery. An estimate of \$100 has been given as the probable cost of a new roof.

The main brick building needs several slates and some repairs to the entry way, which will cost an estimated \$25.

Electric lights should be restored to the building if it is to be used for evening gatherings. The building is already wired. Two articles will appear in the warrant to cover these items.

Respectfully submitted,

STANTON KENDRICK,  
GEORGE RINGCHRIST,  
DAVID J. MALCOLM,

Survey Committee to Study the  
East Charlemont School.

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## JURY LIST, 1953

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Burton W. Avery

Glenn E. Adams

B. J. Halligan

Blanche L. Hunt

Arthur L. Miller

Donald Raymond

Henry L. Avery

Walter W. Brownsword

Norman Hawkes

Marshall Johnson

Sherman T. Pike

Homer S. Tanner

Roger Willis

# Annual Report of the School Committee

FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

1952

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

William P. Stafford, <i>Chairman</i>	Term Expires 1953
Burton Avery, <i>Secretary</i>	Term Expires 1954
Emma Vincent	Term Expires 1955
Thomas L. Warren	<i>Superintendent</i>
Aubrey Rice, Horace Warfield	<i>Attendance Officers</i>
Dr. T. Marion MacCormack (resigned)	<i>School Physician</i>
Dr. Samuel J. Galbo	<i>School Physician</i>
Julia Burnett, R.N. (resigned)	<i>School Nurse</i>
Dorothy Morehouse, R.N.	<i>School Nurse</i>

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

First Winter Term	Opens January 5, 1953 Closes February 20, 1953
Second Winter Term	Opens March 2, 1953 Closes April 17, 1953
Spring Term	Opens April 27, 1953 Closes June 17, 1953 (High) Closes June 10, 1953 (Elem.)
Fall Term	Opens September 9, 1953

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

October 9, 1953	— Teachers' Convention
October 12, 1953	— Columbus Day
November 11, 1953	— Armistice Day
November 25, 1953 (noon)	— Thanksgiving Holidays
December 23, 1953 to January 4, 1954	— Christmas Holidays

## CHART OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL — TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Experience</i>	<i>Professional Teaching</i>
Thomas L. Warren	Superintendent	15 years	B. S. Ed. Bridgewater Teachers College M. Ed. Boston University Harvard University
Charles L. Warner	Principal-Teacher Gr. 7-12 Science Mathematics	14 years	A. B. Amherst College M. Ed. Boston University
Lois E. McHaffie	Grade 7-12 English	10 years	A. B. Mary Washington College
Kathryn Costello	Grade 7-12 Languages Social Studies	1 year	A. B. Trinity College
Mary Hughes	Commercial Subjects	18 years	B. S. New York University
B. John Wright (resigned)	Commercial Subjects	2 years	B. S. Boston University
Maynard M. Perkins	Gr. 7-12 Mathematics Science	1 year	B. S. University of Massachusetts
Thelma Purinton	Gr. 5-6	9 years	North Adams Normal School
Gladys Clark	Gr. 3-4	12 years	Aroostook State Normal School St. Joseph's College
Estella Carter	Gr. 1-2	24 years	Boston University
Janet Wetterwald	Music Supervisor	4 years	Wilson College
Hazel Richmond	Remedial Reading	13 years	North Adams Normal School
Beda Langevin	Lip Reading	14 years	Clarke School for Deaf
Florence White Williams	Art	3 years	
Rinehart Handwriting System			

## NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL

Ruth B. Churchill	Clerks — School Committee and Superintendent
Mary E. Lynch	(part time)
Beverly R. Ellsworth	
William C. Turner	School Custodian
Gertrude Maynard	Cafeteria Manager
Katherine Falandos	Cafeteria Assistant
Julia Burnett (resigned)	School Nurse
Dorothy Morehouse	School Nurse
Dr. T. Marion McCormack (resigned)	School Doctor
Dr. Samuel Galbo	School Doctor

# Report of the Superintendent Of Schools

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To the Members of the School Committee and the  
Citizens of the Town of Charlemont.

I hereby submit my fifth annual report:

*Personnel:* We have been fortunate during the past years in that only one teacher resigned from our staff of regular teachers.

Miss Mary Hughes of Turners Falls was appointed to teach commercial studies in place of Mr. Wright, who resigned to accept a position at Arms Academy. Miss Hughes holds a degree from New York University, and has had many years experience as a teacher, and in business.

Mrs. Jacqueline Hooper, music teacher, resigned in January, and we were without the services of a music teacher until September, when we were fortunate to secure the services of Mrs. Janet N. Wetterwald. Mrs. Wetterwald has been enthusiastically received by teachers and pupils and the interest in music has risen greatly.

Mr. Charles L. Warner, Principal, will be with us until the close of school in June, and on August first takes over the superintendency now held by Mr. David J. Malcolm. We wish Mr. Warner success in his new position and we wish Mr. Malcolm many years of happiness in his well-earned retirement.

Again this year it is a pleasure to report that many of the teachers have taken professional courses which increase their educational knowledge and make them more valuable to the school and the community.

In the spring, the elementary teachers attended a fifteen hour art workshop sponsored by the Binney-Smith Company, and at the same time the High School teachers held meetings in which they evaluated the program of Charlemont High School and talked of ways in which it might be improved.



The excellent reports written by the teachers, wherein they report their observations on the day set aside for them to visit in other schools, indicate that many benefits are derived from such visits.

*Texts and Supplies:* New Texts and reference books have been purchased only after their careful examination by the teachers, superintendent, and school committee members. New texts have been purchased only when it has been found necessary to replace worn-out or obsolete ones.

A new encyclopedia was purchased for the high school and should fill in a large gap in our available reference material.

*School Building:* The purchase of thirty-five new pupil units, and four new teachers' desks practically complete a six year program of replacing old, worn-out, uncomfortable furniture with bright, movable, comfortable units.

A large new library table for the "library corner" has filled a long recognized need.

The task of cleaning the floors has been greatly expedited by having all movable furniture, and Mr. Turner is now able to perform his work with much more ease and thoroughness.

*Cafeteria:* Mrs. Maynard continues to render excellent service and it is largely due to her careful planning that we are still able to serve a meal for 20¢ while just about all other school cafeterias in this area are now charging 25¢, and at that, in many cases, the salaries of the personnel are paid for out of appropriated funds. Because of the increased business, Mrs. Max Falandes has been employed as a part-time worker in the cafeteria.

The purchase of a large double oven gas range has helped greatly in enabling the staff to serve an even better meal.

You will note that in the requested appropriation for 1953, a new section, "Vocational Tuition and Transportation" appears. Under the state law, towns which do not in their own schools provide vocational instruction, must pay the tuition and transportation costs of residents of the Town who wish to pursue such an educational program in another town, and the state reimburses 50% of the costs to the paying town. Until recently, this has been an almost negligible item, but now with four pupils enrolled in vo-

cational courses, the possibility of more next September, and in increased tuition charges, this item has grown to be quite a sum of money, and has caused a sizable increase in the budget.

A law passed by the Massachusetts Legislature of 1952, requires that each local tax bill show what part of the tax is being spent on the local schools. I wish to assure you that at all times our aim is to keep this tax as low as it is possible, and to still maintain a school comfortable, well staffed, and well supplied, all of which should help to develop an environment which is conducive to learning.

Again this year I wish to express my thanks to all those who have aided me in the administration of the Charlemont School.

I feel that through cooperative planning and teamwork on the part of all concerned, our system has made educational progress, and even greater progress can be made by our continual effort and working together.

Respectfully submitted,  
THOMAS L. WARREN  
Superintendent of Schools

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**REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL  
CHARLEMONT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL**

Mr. Thomas L. Warren  
Superintendent of Schools  
Charlemont, Massachusetts  
Dear Mr. Warren:

Herewith may I submit my annual report as Principal of Charlemont High School.

During the past year, with the cooperation of the School Committee and yourself, we have been able to revise our Social Studies Program for grades 5 through 8. By purchasing the Follett Unified Social Studies Series, which handles the geography and history of any area at the same time, we have been able to keep the pupils working at their own level of achievement and thus accomplish what amounts to individual teaching of the children in this field. This, as you know, is considered most worthwhile by educators everywhere. It is hoped that a similar program of revision and coordination may take place in the English and Mathematics fields to the benefit of all levels.

The marking systems in use in the upper grades and high school have been revised to attempt to show more clearly to the

parent what level of achievement and effort his child was following. There has, of course, been some criticism of those used by tradition to receiving high marks. Careful study showed that the teachers needed a revision among themselves of what should constitute high, average and low grades. Since these standards have been coordinated we have found a better quality of work being produced among the students.

Recognizing that little original research was being done by our better students we remedied that by making such research a requisite for a superior mark. This then has thrown the responsibility for work assigned upon the student who desires greater learning. It is not the responsibility of the teacher to search out the student for work not turned in. Responsibility in these small details make a pattern of responsibility for later life.

One of the needed changes which took place this year was the inclusion in the curriculum of a course in Speech and Debate. This class meets three days a week and has as its prime purpose the development of a more orderly and vocally persuasive high school graduate. It would seem advisable to consider its continuance and expansion for another year.

Our high school cafeteria continues to be a success under the able direction of Mrs. Earl Maynard with the assistance of Mrs. Max Falandes. A new Garland gas range of the small restaurant type has added to the efficiency of cafeteria operation.

Music under the direction of Mrs. Janet Wetterwald has become a vital part of our curriculum. It is a pleasure to hear the students at all grade levels eagerly greet the music instructor, waiting for her leadership. An ambitious program has been laid out for Spring when the high school will present the Gilbert and Sullivan Operetta "H. M. S. Pinafore."

In addition to Mrs. Wetterwald, the only other change in the faculty was the inclusion of Miss Mary Hughes to take over the Commercial Department. Her high standards of work required continue to keep this department one of skills highly desired in a competitive field.

The children of the lower six grades have again the privilege of training their artistic abilities under Miss Florence Williams.

The remedial speech class and lip reading instruction is this year being given by Mrs. Harold Langevin on a union basis.

Improvement of the lower floor of the high school has resulted in the construction by the school committee of a Remedial Reading room. This has given much needed privacy to Mrs. Hazel Richmond's program. Such privacy guarantees much greater success in the teaching of these highly technical fields.

Charlemont parents should take pride in the offerings which are available outside of regular classroom instruction. Through these programs we are attempting to meet the talents of all children and develop them to their fullest.

This year we have been able to work closely with two of our young veterans in a program of intensified study. Leslie Dunlop, a graduate of C. H. S. has taken four months of training in review for entrance examinations at the University of Massachusetts. David Feder is attempting to work off credits toward acceptance at the University also. Both boys have given up four months work to make this attempt. Their example should show those who have left school and those who frequently debate leaving school that continued training is essential to many good fields of occupation. Too many in the past have left school and then stated later "If I had only finished I would have a better chance." We wish these boys success in their endeavor.

In this report, my last for Charlemont High School, I wish to thank publicly all connected with the schools here for the privilege of working closely with them. In the fall, I shall miss the many challenging associations I have enjoyed these past two years.

May the Charlemont Schools continue in a spirit of fundamental progress for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. WARNER, *Principal*



## REGISTRATION OF MINORS

<i>Age Groups</i>	<i>5 to 7</i>	<i>7 to 14</i>	<i>Total</i>
Boys	18	48	66
Girls	17	53	70
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Totals	35	101	136
In Public Schools	22	95	117
In Private Schools	0	1	1
Special Schools	0	0	0
Vocational Schools	0	4	4
Not in School	13	1	14
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Totals	35	102	136

## MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1952

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Age</i>													<i>Totals</i>	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
1	2	9	1												12
2		4	5	4											13
3			3	12	1										16
4					12	1									13
5					1	10	3	1							15
6						1	4	3	1						9
7							2	10	4	4	1				21
8								2	6	3					11
9										6	6	1			13
10									1	2	7	1			11
11											4	6	1		11
12												3	10	1	14
Total															159

## 1952 GRADUATION PROGRAM

### CLASS ROLL

BERNICE MAY ADLER	ELIZABETH ANN MURRAY
JACQUELINE DEE BRANT	DORIS MARIE PRATT
WILLIAM B. BRANT	GAIL EVELYN PURINTON
DENNIS B. CLARK	ELEANOR MAY SEARS
ROBERT ALFRED DUNLOP	ESTHER ARLENE STANFORD
MARY EDITH LYNCH	MARY ELIZABETH TRUESDELL
ALICE MANSFIELD WHITE	



## FACULTY

Mr. Charles L. Warner, *Principal*  
Miss Katherine Costello                      Mr. Maynard Perkins  
Mrs. Lois McHaffie                      Mr. B. John Wright  
Miss Mary Hughes

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Thomas L. Warren

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. W. Payson Stafford, *Chairman*  
Mrs. Emma B. Vincent                      Mr. Burton Avery

## P R O G R A M

Processional — *Pomp and Circumstance*  
Accompanist, MRS. FRANCIS AVERY

Invocation                      REV. WILLIAM WAKEFIELD

Salutatory Address "*The Youth of Today*"                      ALICE M. WHITE

Class History                      MARY LYNCH, DORIS PRATT  
ESTHER STANFORD, MARY TRUESDELL

Songs                      Charlemont High Sextet

Class Will                      BERNICE ADLER, ELEANOR SEARS

Class Prophecy                      ELIZABETH MURRAY, GAIL PURINTON

Commencement Address — "*The Age of Responsibility*"  
MR. ROBERT N. TAYLOR, Supt. of Schools  
North Adams, Mass.

Presentation of Class Gift                      JACQUELINE BRANT

Dedication of Yearbook                      WILLIAM BRANT

Valedictorian Address "*According to the Value*"                      DENNIS CLARK

Songs                      Charlemont High Sextet

Presentation of Awards:

    American Legion                      RICHARD TANNER

    School Awards                      MR. CHARLES L. WARNER, Principal

    Diplomas                      MR. THOMAS L. WARREN, Supt. of Schools

Class Song                      Words by JACQUELINE BRANT, ALICE WHITE

Benediction                      REV. WILLIAM WAKEFIELD

Recessional

Receiving Line

## GRADUATION AWARDS 1952

- Readers Digest — DENNIS CLARK  
 A year's Subscription to the valedictorian of the Senior Class
- Bausch and Lomb Science Award — DENNIS CLARK  
 To the student having the highest grades in science
- Becker College Award — MARY LYNCH  
 To the student having the highest grades in Commercial Subjects
- American Legion Award — DENNIS CLARK and ALICE WHITE
- Alumni Awards:
- For highest grades — JAMES BISSLAND and TERESA PETERS  
 Most improvement — ROBERT RICE and FLORENCE TAYLOR

### Pro Merito:

- Senior — JACQUELINE BRANT, DENNIS CLARK, MARY LYNCH, ELEANOR SEARS, ALICE WHITE
- Junior — MARLITH BRANT, LUCILLE PETERS, GERALDINE ANNEAR, WALTER CLARK, RAYMOND PURINTON, ARLENE SIBLEY, FLORENCE TAYLOR, ESTHER WHITE

### CLASS MOTTO

*Pleasures can be bought, but happiness is free.*

CLASS COLORS	CLASS FLOWER
Maroon and White	White Carnation

### EXPENDITURES

#### General Control:

Thomas L. Warren .....	\$ 2,805.00
Travel .....	363.55
William P. Stafford .....	50.00
Burton Avery .....	50.00
Emma Vincent .....	50.00
Office Supplies .....	76.04
Office Rent .....	150.00
New England Tel. and Tel. Co. ....	144.21
School Committee Expense .....	14.16
American School Board Journal .....	5.00
American School and University .....	3.50
Principal Expense .....	19.60
Superintendent Expense .....	29.99
Ruth B. Churchill, Salary .....	96.00
Mary E. Lynch, Salary .....	35.20
Beverly R. Ellsworth, Salary .....	203.20
	\$ 4,095.45

Instruction:

Charles L. Warner .....	\$ 3,760.00
B. John Wright .....	1,680.00
Lois McHaffie .....	2,719.85
Thelma Purinton .....	2,719.85
Gladys Clark .....	2,719.85
Estella Carter .....	2,719.85
Mary Hughes .....	900.00
Jacqueline Hooper .....	30.00
Florence White Williams .....	242.00
Mary Wetherbee .....	24.00
Florence White Williams (travel) .....	148.00
Kathryn Costello .....	2,306.41
Maynard Perkins .....	2,306.41
Janet Wetterwald .....	225.00
Robert Taylor .....	25.00
Hazel Richmond .....	24.00
Hazel Richmond (Remedial Reading) .....	1,118.00
Rinehart .....	405.00
Marjorie Gilbert .....	96.00
Beda Langevin .....	105.00
	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> \$ 24,274.22

Textbooks:

Book of the Month .....	\$ 14.28
MacMillan Company .....	38.73
Scott Foresman Company .....	177.83
Frances Triggs .....	2.63
The Grolier Society .....	12.45
The Beckley Cardy Company Inc., .....	4.80
Row, Peterson Company .....	2.39
Allyn Bacon Company .....	49.11
Lyons and Carnahan .....	49.51
University of Chicago Press .....	4.50
Webster Publishing Company .....	48.68
Prospect Union Education Exchange .....	1.50
Ginn and Company .....	64.74
Benton Reviewing Company .....	8.02
Plays, Inc. ....	3.96
Houghton Mifflin Company .....	22.97
American Book Company .....	4.62
Your Opportunity .....	4.04
Bureau of Publications .....	7.50
South-Western Publishing Co. ....	47.16
D. C. Heath Company .....	25.02
L. W. Singer Company .....	14.16
Charles Merrill Company .....	18.58

McGraw-Hill .....	5.90
Boston Music Company .....	3.58
Follett Publishing Company .....	166.74
C. C. Birchard and Company .....	62.40
Gregg Inc. ....	3.75
World Book Company .....	1.36
Milton Bradley .....	15.07
	—————\$
	885.98

Supplies:

H. L. Hammett and Company .....	\$ 100.95
Welch and Company .....	68.01
Valley Studio .....	105.75
J. Winston .....	12.09
Cascade Paper Company .....	173.90
World Book Company .....	39.38
Barrett and Baker .....	.55
Readers Digest .....	12.00
Charles L. Warner .....	19.41
L. W. Singer Company .....	3.83
Mass. General Hospital .....	.50
Trustees of Boston University .....	32.50
Encyclopedia Brit. ....	28.22
L. G. Balfour .....	11.25
Berkshire Printers .....	28.15
S. Gould .....	2.65
Hammond .....	27.90
Charles E. Merrill Company .....	5.02
American Educations Press .....	15.00
Life Filmstrips .....	12.00
Audio Visual Division .....	30.00
Milton Bradley Company .....	323.71
H. W. Gray Company .....	17.47
Gledhill .....	61.86
Hayes Publishing Company .....	1.63
Rand McNally .....	33.67
A. L. Avery and Sons .....	15.82
Christian Science Publishing Company .....	6.50
World News .....	16.50
Educators Progress Service .....	6.00
Continental Press .....	30.50
Ditto Inc. ....	12.30
News Map of Week .....	16.50
Demond .....	16.54
Bureau of Publications .....	5.00
Birchard .....	2.80
National Geography Society .....	5.25

Popular Science .....	10.00	
F. A. Owen .....	7.00	
	—————	\$ 1,318.11

Janitor:

Will C. Turner .....	\$ 2,310.00	
	—————	\$ 2,310.00

Fuel:

Potter Grain Stores, Inc. ....	\$ 765.10	
	—————	\$ 765.10

Miscellaneous:

New England Tel. and Tel. Co. ....	\$ 118.49	
Northern Berkshire Gas and Light .....	484.86	
Spenser Turbine Company .....	1.93	
Janitor Supplies .....	14.81	
Ellsworths' Service Station .....	15.27	
Brulin .....	64.35	
Power Equipment Company .....	28.50	
Holcomb Manufacturing Company .....	5.25	
Bradley .....	8.82	
John McHaffie, Jr. ....	31.50	
Kleanzer Kleaner Company .....	26.32	
Greenfield Radio Service .....	7.50	
Kant-Slam Door Check Company .....	9.95	
Commissioner of Public Safety .....	5.00	
Robert Pratt .....	15.00	
C. H. Demond .....	3.39	
Carter Paper Company .....	63.65	
F. Carroll .....	2.30	
A. Gingras .....	4.50	
Myra Cleaning Supplies .....	4.00	
Kerns Company .....	57.58	
Cascade Paper Company .....	29.27	
Potter Grain Stores, Inc. ....	5.65	
A. L. Avery and Sons .....	36.93	
Aubuchon .....	3.68	
Frank Wells .....	10.00	
	—————	\$ 1,058.50

Maintenance:

S. G. Gould .....	\$ 7.00
Valley Forge Flag Company .....	5.03
J. L. Hammett Company .....	1.65
Kant-Slam Door Check Company .....	19.00
William H. Stafford .....	3.75
Greenfield Radio Service .....	3.00
Charles Warner .....	3.68



Aldrich .....	32.00	
Gledhill .....	956.12	
Robert J. Pratt .....	124.31	
C. H. Demond .....	28.50	
Shacks Electric Shop .....	2.95	
M. E. O'Brien and Sons .....	70.40	
D. A. Lanoue .....	54.43	
Cascade Paper Company .....	96.27	
Americana Corporation .....	171.75	
F. Deane Avery Association .....	51.60	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts .....	195.00	
Barrett and Baker .....	190.00	
		-----\$ 2,016.44

Health:

Dr. Marion T. MacCormack .....	\$ 100.00	
Beda Langevin .....	15.00	
Dr. Samuel Galbo .....	175.00	
Bakers Pharmacy .....	1.55	
		-----\$ 291.55

Transportation:

Leon Turner .....	\$ 2,960.00	
Arthur Gingras .....	2,790.00	
W. D. Pierson .....	1,756.00	
Roy Hicks .....	9.20	920.-
Harold Burt .....	454.00	
Irvin Harris .....	629.00	
Louis Davenport .....	135.17	
Allen Coates .....	901.00	
Myrtle Purinton .....	131.00	
Harry Purinton .....	10.00	
J. M. Blassburg .....	17.70	
Recorder Gazette .....	6.25	
North Adams Transcript .....	4.29	
Roger Wetherbee .....	102.50	
Mrs. Archie Taylor .....	68.00	
Mrs. Clara Burdick .....	64.00	
Mr. James Brant .....	61.00	
		-----\$ 11,009.91

Tuition:

Springfield Public Schools .....	\$ 193.59	
Town of Shelburne .....	576.75	
Department of Education, Commonwealth of Mass. ....	8.00	
Town of Greenfield .....	102.60	
		-----\$ 871.94

New Equipment:	
S. Gould .....	\$ 56.10
Herman Harris .....	41.75
Railway Express .....	2.35
Beckley-Cardy Company .....	7.95
	—————\$ 108.15

Sundries:	
Potter Grain Stores, Inc. ....	\$ 6.85
John Wright Basketball Coach .....	100.00
Gladys Clark, Basketball Coach .....	100.00
John Wright, Baseball Coach .....	50.00
Gladys Clark, Softball Coach .....	50.00
Charlemont Athletic Association .....	400.00
Charlemont Cafeteria .....	62.70
	—————\$ 769.55

### RECAPITULATION WITH ESTIMATE FOR 1953

<i>Items</i>	<i>Expenditures</i> 1951	<i>Expenditures</i> 1952	<i>Needed for</i> 1953
General Control	\$ 3,826.00	\$ 4,095.45	\$ 4,300.00
Instruction:			
Teachers' Salaries	22,587.74	24,274.22	26,097.00
Textbooks	1,157.48	885.98	900.00
Supplies	1,279.93	1,318.11	1,000.00
Operation:			
Janitor Service	2,242.17	2,310.00	2,310.00
Fuel	316.01	765.10	900.00
Miscellaneous	703.82	1,058.50	1,000.00
Maintenance:			
Repairs and Replacements	1,935.13	2,016.44	1,500.00
Outlay:			
New Equipment	218.63	108.15	400.00
Other Agencies:			
Health	218.89	291.55	225.00
Transportation	10,352.84	11,009.91	11,800.00
Tuition	372.36	871.94	200.00
Sundries	887.45	769.55	750.00
Vocational Tuition and Transportation			2,380.00
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	\$ 46,098.45	\$ 49,774.90	\$ 53,762.00

### REIMBURSEMENTS — APPROXIMATE

Budget for 1953		\$ 53,762.00
Reimbursements:		
Aid according to Chapter 70	\$ 9,733.31	
Transportation	11,075.00	
Superintendent Salary and Travel	2,053.33	
Tuition from out-of-town students (approx.)	4,200.00	
Vocational Tuition and Transportation	1,190.00	
Total Reimbursements (approx.)	—————	\$ 28,276.64
Net cost to Town for Schools — 1953 (approx.)		\$ 25,485.36

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### CREDITS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952

#### RECEIPTS A/C SCHOOLS

Regular Appropriation .....	\$ 49,875.00	
Amount of Appropriation Expended .....	49,774.90	
Amount of Appropriation Unexpended .....	—————	\$ 100.10
Reimbursements:		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Chapter 70 — General Aid .....	\$ 9,733.31	
Transportation .....	9,697.17	
Superintendent of Schools .....	2,053.33	
Vocational Trans. and Tuition .....	112.50	
Tuition:		
Hawley .....	960.00	
Heath .....	1,040.00	
Rowe .....	1,228.35	
Clayborn Rich .....	108.00	
Harold White .....	64.80	
		—————
		\$ 24,997.46

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### SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Amount Expended from Appropriation .....	\$ 49,774.90
Total Receipts from sources other than local taxation ...	24,997.46
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Net cost to Town for support of School .....	\$ 24,777.44

# Report of the School And District Nurse

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This past year the community health activities in Charlemont continued, with visits to the school and the homes to aid in the promotion of health, the correction of defects, the prevention of disease and the care of the sick.

In September there was a change of the District nurse. Miss Julia Burnett R. N. resigned and Miss Dorothy Morehouse R. N. was appointed to the position.

The annual Well-Child Conference was held in August. Dr. M. B. Low gave 29 Charlemont children a fine physical examination. Defects found when the child is small will give a chance for correction, usually before the child enters school. Immunization for Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus was started and the nurse completed the series later.

The Greenfield Health Camp is a wonderful place to start an under nourished child on the road to good health. Six children from this area, 3 from Charlemont went last summer. With good food, rest and lots of fun they returned, improved in health and in better condition for the winter months ahead.

Following is a report of the health activities since I became your district nurse in September.

The physical examinations by Samuel Galbo, the new school physician, found the children in general in good health, 96 without defects. This did not include teeth. Poor feet were outstanding with 14 children having flat feet, 8 with pronations and 7 with weak arches. Posture was poor, too. A number of children were noticed with drooping shoulders, crowding the chest area. Besides encouragement at school to "sit tall" a kindly word at home might help to correct this easy relaxed habit, that gives poor posture. Vitamin A and D capsules were available again this winter. These do help to keep a child in better health.

The hearing of the school children was tested by Mrs. Beda Langevin. Three children had marked hearing loss

and are attending lip reading classes. This may prove to be very helpful in later years. One child was taken to an ear specialist for examination. Prompt examination by an ear specialist for any child found with a hearing loss may prevent progressive deafness or save what hearing the child has now.

Speech correction classes were held at the school for children who had difficulty in speaking, with 8 attending.

Miss Genevive Ely, State Dental Hygienist, checked the school children's teeth. Only 22 had teeth in good condition, all others needed attention. For healthy mouths these defects should be corrected. Many children have been taken to the dentist under the Dental Program. Much needed care was given to teeth that otherwise would have been neglected.

The Mass. Vision Test was given in the school this fall. Slips were sent home with 31 children to notify the parents of defective vision and the need for further examination. Constant eye strain can undermine a child's health. Six children with very poor vision were taken to an optometrist for examination and glasses.

Sickness in the school was high this fall with many cases of Chicken Pox. Nineteen home visits were made at this time, taking suspicious cases home and checking the health of others. Many little preschoolers also had the disease.

Home visits were made to aid in the care of the sick, to give hypodermic injections and in the Health Service, visits to infants, preschoolers and the older folks to help in maintaining health.

Total visits in Charlemont from Sept. 22 through Dec. 31, 1952:

Nursing visits .....	61	Noncommunicable
School visits .....	62	
School Home visits .....	28	
New Born visits .....	9	
Infant visits .....	5	
Preschool visits .....	5	
Prenatal visits .....	7	
Postnatal visits .....	2	
Adult Health visits .....	6	



The generous contributions that have been given to us to help in carrying on with the much needed medical attention to children in the low income group are greatly appreciated. May we thank the following groups —

Charlemont Lions Club — for their kind donations for the Dental Fund, for eye examinations and glasses and for examination of children with hearing loss by Dr. Dame.

We are grateful to the Charlemont Woman's Club, the Heath Ladies Aid and the Rowe Grange for their contribution to our Dental Fund.

May I at this time, thank the Committee of the Western Franklin Health District, the Superintendent of Schools, the Principal, the Teachers and the many townspeople for their ever willing assistance that has meant so much to me in the beginning of my health programs in the towns.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY MOREHOUSE, R. N.

District Nurse.

# Report of the Finance Committee

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To the Citizens of Charlemont,  
Greetings:—

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the town Finance Committee.

Your committee is pleased to report that the year has been a healthy one financially for the taxpayers of Charlemont.

With a very few minor exceptions no accounts have been overdrawn. No special town meetings for the purpose of transferring funds from one account to another have been necessary during the year.

The General Town Budget, as prepared by the Selectmen, and approved by this committee, is substantially lower than a year ago. The school budget is somewhat larger than a year ago, but with rising costs of commodities and services, is not out of line with other communities.

The Finance Committee recommends the following:

For support of schools, \$53,762.00 as proposed by the school committee.

For the General Town Budget the following amounts as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, and itemized in the Town Warrant:

\$53,263.11 contained in Article 2.

12,075.00 contained in Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 15.

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\$65,338.11 Total

Respectfully submitted,

STANTON KENDRICK,

GEORGE RINGCHRIST,

DAVID J. MALCOLM, Secretary,

Finance Committee of Charlemont.

**EXCERPTS FROM THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**February 4, 1952**

Article 2. Voted to raise the following appropriations :

\$ 5,000.00	Snow, Roads and Bridges
1,500.00	Welfare
700.00	Disability Assistance
1,400.00	Soldier's Benefits
1,200.00	Aid to Dependent Children
531.06	Town Property Insurance
600.00	Workmen's Compensation
250.10	Liability Insurance on Town Vehicles
380.88	Employees Retirement Fund
1,800.00	Town Hall
1,500.00	Fire Department
250.00	Board of Health
360.00	Legion Rooms
125.00	Memorial Day
100.00	Christmas Fund
134.00	Bonding Town Officers
35.00	Old Cemeteries
300.00	Gypsy Moth and Dutch Elm Disease Control
460.00	Library
1,800.00	Reserve Fund
1,600.00	Miscellaneous
49,875.00	Schools
1,030.00	Bridge Note and Interest (From free cash)
262.02	Western Franklin Welfare District
15.00	Finance Committee Expense
300.00	Sidewalk Repairs (From available funds in Treasury)
1,122.00	Street Lights
22,000.00	Old Age Assistance
5,500.00	New Equipment (From free cash)
700.00	Bridge Repairs and Guard Rail (From available funds)

Article 3. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,350.00, and to transfer from available funds \$12,925.00 for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance and Construction.

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 and to transfer from available funds \$3,000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway on South River Road and be authorized to borrow \$6,000.00 in addition, if there is not sufficient funds in Treasury to meet this \$6,000.00.

Article 6. Voted to transfer from Road Machinery Fund \$5,500.00 to the 1952 Machinery Maintenance Account for the purchase of new equipment.

Article 7. Voted to transfer from Tyler Library Trust Fund Income Account \$180.00 for maintenance and repair of Tyler Library, any unexpended amount to be returned to Tyler Library Account.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for annual salaries of Town Officers together with such clerical and other office help as the Selectmen may approve.

Selectmen	\$300.00 ea.
Clerk	350.00
Treasurer	650.00
Tax Collector	600.00
Two Assessors	250.00 ea.
Clerk Assessor	350.00
Sealer	75.00
Inspector of Animals	75.00
Chief of Police	15.00
Fire Chief	100.00
Dog Officer	15.00
Moderator	10.00

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate \$150.00 to defray expense of Red Cross swimming classes sponsored by Fire Department.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate \$500.00 to cover overdraft in Land Damage Account.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100.00 to pay for materials to be used in redecorating Town Hall.

Article 12. Voted to accept Town of Rowe as a member of the Western Franklin Welfare District, consisting of Towns of Hawley, Heath, Monroe and Charlemont.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate \$18.00 to light a light to be affixed to the pole at the present time on Carroll's corner.

Article 14. Voted that the Moderator appoint a Committee, said Committee to consist of three citizens of the Town, to study the question of adopting a system of required building permits, or zoning so-called, and report at next annual town meeting. Committee appointed, Frank J. Wells, Charles Streeter and Aubrey Rice.

Article 15. Voted that the vote passed at the annual town meeting on Feb. 3, 1941 "to accept chapter 403 of the Acts of 1936" be amended by striking out said vote and substituting therefor the following:

"Voted: To accept the provisions of section 69 of chapter 152 of the General Laws so as to provide the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Act to workmen, laborers and mechanics of the Town of Charlemont. It is not intended by this vote that the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Act be extended to any employees of the Town other than workmen, laborers and mechanics."

Article 16. Voted that no action on selling the East Charlemont schoolhouse be taken at this time and that the Moderator be instructed to appoint a Committee of three persons to study the various problems and possibilities of preserving the building as a historical landmark and its use for community and civic affairs; said committee to report, with recommendations at the next annual town meeting. The Finance Committee, David J. Malcolm, Stanton Kendrick, and George Rinchrist were appointed.

## **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**MARCH 25, 1952**

Article 1. Voted to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a regional school district planning committee, to consist of three members, including one member of the school committee, to be appointed by the Moderator, in accordance with Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws. Winston Healy, Harry Purinton and William Payson Stafford were appointed.



# TOWN MEETING WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
FEBRUARY 2, 1953

There follows a list of the business to come before the annual meeting. It should be borne in mind that this list is a preliminary one, and that the final warrant may contain additions or alterations to this list.

The following officers are to be elected by ballot, and for this purpose the polls will be open from 11:30 in the morning to 7:30 in the evening;

Clerk for one year.  
Treasurer for one year.  
Selectman for three years.  
Assessor for three years.  
Assessor for one year.  
School Committeeman for three years.  
Tax Collector for one year.  
Moderator for one year.  
Library Trustee for three years.  
Auditor for one year.  
Tree Warden for one year.  
Three Constables for one year.  
Park Commissioner for three years.

At 8 o'clock in the evening the meeting will be convened to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To act on the report of the Town Officers.

Article 2. To see if the Town will raise the following appropriations, or take any action thereon:

\$ 6,000.00	Snow, Roads and Bridges
1,000.00	Welfare
✓ 1,000.00	Disability Assistance 600.00
1,400.00	Soldiers' Benefits
800.00	Aid to Dependent Children
530.28	Town Property Insurance

600.00	Workmen's Compensation Insurance
289.76	Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance
437.32	Employees Retirement Fund
1,800.00	Town Hall
1,500.00	Fire Department
250.00	Board of Health
360.00	Legion Rooms
- 125.00	Memorial Day <i>250<sup>00</sup></i>
100.00	Christmas Party
138.75	Bonding Town Officers
35.00	Old Cemeteries
300.00	Gypsy Moth and Dutch Elm Disease Suppression
500.00	Library
2,000.00	Reserve Fund (from free cash)
1,600.00	Miscellaneous
1,020.00	Bridge Note and Int. (from free cash)
622.00	Western Franklin Welfare District Administration
15.00	Finance Committee Expense
1,140.00	Street Lights
- 20,000.00	Old Age Assistance <i>15,000</i>
4,000.00	New Equipment (from free cash)
<i>700.</i> - 500.00	Guard Rails and Bridge Repairs
<i>Parish</i> - 4,600.00	Town Officers Salaries
- 150.00	Fire Department Swimming Class
350.00	Painting Town Hall
100.00	Fairgrounds Maintenance
53,762.00	School Department

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,350.00 for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance and Construction, and authorize the borrowing of a sum not to exceed \$12,925.00 to meet the State's share of the cost of the work; or take any action thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction on South River Road, and authorize the borrowing of a sum not exceeding \$6,000.00 to meet the State and County share of the cost of the work; or take any action thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Main-

tenance, and authorize the borrowing of a sum not exceeding \$4,000.00 to meet the State and County share of the cost of the work; or take any action thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$5,500.00 to the 1953 Machinery Maintenance Account and for the purchase of new equipment; or take any action thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote the following annual salaries to the Town Officers, and will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,600.00 for the payment of the same, together with such clerical and other office help as the Selectmen may approve; or take any action thereon:

Selectmen	\$300.00	each
Clerk	350.00	
Treasurer	650.00	
Tax Collector	600.00	
Two Assessors	250.00	each
Clerk Assessor	350.00	
Sealer	75.00	
Inspector of Animals	75.00	
Chief of Police	15.00	
Fire Chief	100.00	
Dog Officer	15.00	
Town Historian	600.00	
Moderator	10.00	

Article 8. To see if the Town will transfer from the Tyler Library Trust Fund Income Account the sum of \$180.00 for maintenance and repair of the Tyler Library; or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws as follows:

By striking out Section 7 thereof and substituting therefor the following:

Section 7. The Selectmen shall act as the Board of Public Welfare.

And by adopting the following by-law:

Section 11. The Board of Health shall consist of three persons. Immediately after the effective date of this

by-law the Moderator shall appoint three members of the Board of Health to serve until the Annual Meeting of 1954 and at the Annual Meeting of 1954 three persons shall be elected to said Board, one to serve for one year, one to serve for two years and one to serve for three years; thereafter one member shall be elected annually to serve for a term of three years.

Article 10. To see whether the Town will vote to appoint a committee to work with the Tree Warden in making an investigation of the status of Dutch Elm Disease in Charlemont and preparing recommendations for dealing with the disease for submission to the Selectmen; or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five members, to be known as Trustees of the East Charlemont School, whose full term shall be for five years, at least two of the membership to be residents of East Charlemont, said Board of Trustees to be given the responsibility and the authority of preserving the East Charlemont Brick Schoolhouse as a historical landmark for future generations, subject to by-laws of the Town of Charlemont and rules and regulations and laws of the Commonwealth; the original appointments to be for varying number of years until all appointments shall be for a term of five years, with one term expiring each year; or take any action thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for repairs and electric light at the East Charlemont school, said sum to be expended at the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the East Charlemont School; or take any action thereon.

Article 13. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for repairs on the East Charlemont school shed, said sum to be expended at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of providing suitable storage space for town equipment in East Charlemont; or take any action thereon.

Article 14. To see whether the Town, in view of the establishment of a Regional School District, will vote to

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rescind any and all votes now effective which provide for the construction of school facilities by the Town alone, including the rescinding of a vote authorizing the loan of \$130,000.00 for school purposes ; or take any action thereon.

Article 15. To see whether the Town will vote to accept Section 6A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and in accordance with the provisions of that Section appropriate the sum of \$75.00 to be spent in conjunction with the Mohawk Trail Association for the purpose of advertising the Town's resources ; or take any action thereon.

WINSTON HEALY,  
CYRUS C. ANNEAR,  
WILLIAM D. PIERSON,  
Selectmen of Charlemont.





























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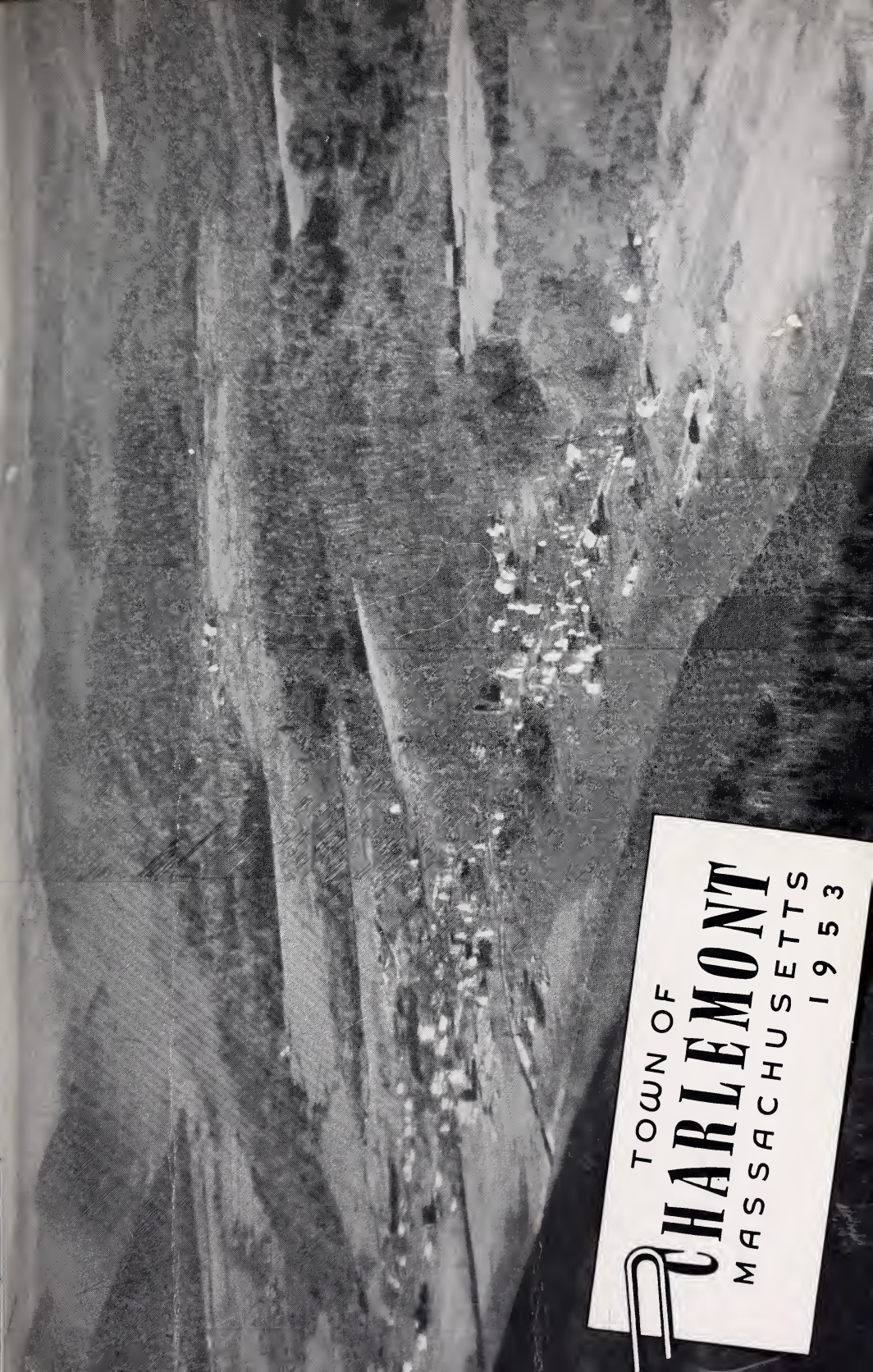
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TOWN OF

**CHARLEMONT**

MASSACHUSETTS

1953







ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHTH

# ANNUAL REPORT

*of the* TOWN OFFICERS



1953

*Town of Charlemont, Massachusetts*

# ANNUAL REPORT

1950-1951



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JOHN KENNEDY

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL



**U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1**

JOHN W. HESELTON



**STATE SENATOR**

RALPH C. MAHAR, Orange



**REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL COURT  
FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT 1**

PHILLIP F. WHITMORE, Sunderland



**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

SAMUEL U. STREETER, Chairman, Greenfield

CARLOS ALLEN, Deerfield

HARRY F. KOCH, Shelburne

# OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT, 1953

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

CYRUS C. ANNEAR, Chairman  
Term Expires 1953

WILLIAM D. PIERSON  
Term Expires 1954

WINSTON HEALY  
Term Expires 1955

## CLERK AND TREASURER

MARY L. CARPENTER

## TAX COLLECTOR

ROGER WILLIS

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

FRANCIS W. AVERY, Chairman  
Term Expires 1955

SHERMAN T. PIKE  
Term Expires 1953

WINIFRED SPEAR  
Term Expires 1954

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BURTON W. AVERY, Chairman  
Term Expires 1953

EMMA B. VINCENT  
Term Expires 1954

WILLIAM P. STAFFORD  
Term Expires 1955

## HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WILLIAM P. STAFFORD, Chairman

F. DEAN CARTER, Treasurer

BURTON W. AVERY

HELEN STILES

EMMA B. VINCENT

BELLE BELLOWS

GERTRUDE OGDEN

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and WINSTON HEALY)

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**SCHOOL CUSTODIAN**

WILLIAM C. TURNER

**TRUSTEES FOR THE EAST CHARLEMONT SCHOOL**

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EMMA FISK    MABEL V. SEARS  
STANTON C. KENDRICK

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND  
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WILLIAM D. PIERSON                              PHYLLIS L. HEIST, Agent

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

WILLIAM D. PIERSON, Chairman                  CYRUS C. ANNEAR  
WINSTON HEALY

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

GRACE GOULD, Chairman  
Term Expires 1955  
WILLIAM H. WAKEFIELD                              BLANCHE HUNT  
Term Expires 1954                                      Term Expires 1953  
PEARLE TANNER, Librarian

**PARK COMMISSION**

CHARLES L. PURINTON, Chairman  
Term Expires 1953  
AVIS M. CHURCHILL                                      HARRY F. LEGATE  
Term Expires 1955                                      Term Expires 1954

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

STANTON C. KENDRICK, Chairman  
Term Expires 1953  
LAURENCE M. PITMAN, Secretary                  GEORGE RINGCHRIST  
Term Expires 1955                                      Term Expires 1954

**AUDITOR**

HARRY F. LEGATE

**TREE WARDEN**

ROY BREEN

**CONSTABLES**

CLYDE H. CHURCHILL                              WALTER A. HENDERSON  
ROGER E. MCKINSTRY

**FIRE CHIEF AND  
FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

FRANK J. WELLS

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS  
AND MEASURES**

STANTON C. KENDRICK

**CLERK OF TOWN OFFICERS**

BEDA A. LANGEVIN

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT**

PAUL HEIST

**WESTERN FRANKLIN PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT NURSE**

DOROTHY MOREHOUSE, R. N.

**DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE**

FRANK J. WELLS

**DOG OFFICER**

PAUL PALMER

**SUPERINTENDENT,  
GYPSY MOTH AND DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL**

ROY A. HICKS

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

ROGER E. MCKINSTRY

**INSPECTOR OF WIRES**

D. A. LANOUE

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

ROY A. HICKS

**INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING**

ROY A. HICKS

WILBUR L. BURNETT

**FENCE VIEWERS**

MARSHALL F. JOHNSON

HARRY F. HAWKES

**FIELD DRIVERS AND POUND KEEPERS**

MARSHALL F. JOHNSON

WARREN M. ANDREWS

**WEIGHERS**

HARRY F. LEGATE

THERON S. TAYLOR, SR.



**MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK**

WILLIAM C. TURNER

HERMAN F. HARRIS

**MEASURERS OF LUMBER**

WILLIAM C. TURNER

HERMAN F. HARRIS

OLIN E. WHIPPLE

AUBREY L. RICE

CHARLES W. GOODWIN

**VETERAN'S AGENT**

**POLICE CHIEF**

ROBERT E. SCOTT

AUBREY L. RICE

**BURIAL AGENTS**

LAWRENCE S. TINNEY

ROBERT E. SCOTT

**SPECIAL POLICE**

LINCOLN SHAW

LAWRENCE TINNEY

PAUL HEIST

WILLIAM C. TURNER

CHARLES E. STREETER

**CUSTODIAN TOWN HALL**

LAWRENCE S. TINNEY

# TOWN CALENDAR

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1954

- Jan. 12 Last Registration of Voters before Town Meeting.
- Feb. 1 TOWN MEETING.
- Mar. 30 Last day for filing Seasonal Liquor Licenses.
- Mar. 31 Dog Licenses - Expiration Date.
- Apr. 17 Trout Season opens.
- Apr. 18 Easter Sunday.
- May 30 Memorial Day.
- June 11 Elementary School Closes.
- June 18 High School Closes.
- July 4 Independence Day.
- Sept. 6 Labor Day.
- Sept. 8 School opens.
- Oct. 16 Trout Season closes.
- Oct. 31 Last day for payment of Town Taxes without penalty.
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day.
- Nov. 30 Last day for filing Liquor License renewals.
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day.

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- Jan. 3 Last day for filing Nomination Papers for Election of Town Officers.
- Jan. 18 Last day for registration before Town Meeting.
- Feb. 7 TOWN MEETING.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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Without question the most significant event of the year was the establishment of a regional school district with Hawley, on January 13, 1953. The Hawlemont Regional School District is the first elementary regional district in Massachusetts, and represents the culmination of six years of concentrated effort to improve school facilities in the two Towns involved. In accordance with the vote of the last annual meeting, a site for the new building was sold to the District and the deed has been delivered. As everyone knows, ground was broken for the building in late Fall. It is earnestly to be hoped that the possibilities of tremendous future benefits, both educational and financial, will be fully realized.

The year's highway program has been successfully carried out under the able direction of Paul Heist. In 1953 the many difficulties in connection with blasting operations on South River Road were overcome, and substantial progress was made on the road. All of our Chapter 90 construction allotment was spent there, and it will require many more years, at \$8000 a year, before the road is completed to the Buckland line.

Another section of Legate Hill Road was reconstructed, and a start made on the West end of Harris Mountain Road. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Daniel Wheeler, who granted permission to use part of his property, real progress has been made in widening and straightening a portion of the road. A large drainage project on West Hawley Road has been completed, the bridge to Roy Hicks' has been replaced with a large diameter pipe and numerous small improvement projects undertaken in addition to the customary maintenance work.

During mud season in the Spring all town roads were again posted against heavy traffic. While this may create temporary hardship for truckers, it prevents excessive damage when the roads are tender, and we expect to continue the policy in the future.

Attractive road signs, carved by Peter Myal, have been placed on all town roads and have done much to add interest to the Town and provoke comment.

The Mack truck was replaced with a new International, which is giving excellent service. Town equipment is in good condition and we hope to keep it so, not only by careful maintenance, but by a sound policy of replacement. We plan to trade in the pickup truck next year for a larger dump truck, capable of use for gravelling, sanding or plowing snow rather than being limited to the minor work of which the pickup is capable. Funds are being requested for this purpose from the Road

Machinery Fund which is now large enough to provide not only the usual maintenance costs of equipment, but also can provide for outlay for new equipment.

The Board has been giving serious consideration to the need of a building to house town equipment, and is of the opinion that such a building should be erected. We would like to obtain the opinion of the town on this subject at the annual meeting, after which a definite course of action can be determined.

A continuation of the Town Hall painting program was carried on during the year and further redecorating is planned for 1954, completing the walls and woodwork on both sides of the upper hallway. We would also like to instal additional storage space for town records somewhere in the building, and for these two purposes the sum of \$200 is being requested.

The second annual Yankee Doodle Days, sponsored by the Lions Club, were a great success and provided a tidy profit for all participating organizations. The Fairgrounds were once again the center of activities and justified the considerable expense which was involved in widening and improving the road thereto. On November 11th a work bee was held with the Lions Club working on the grandstand and four others, Paul Heist, Edward Stafford, George Boullie, and Will Pierson working on the grounds themselves, removing stumps, stones and debris and generally improving the terrain.

The Town provided a float for the parade celebrating Greenfield's 200th Anniversary in June, thanks largely to the time and effort put into it by Merle Clark. The float received much favorable comment and publicity, and thanks are due to those who made it possible.

Activities of the Board of Health were about normal. The usual well-child conference was held, as reported elsewhere. It became necessary to condemn one dwelling house as unfit for human habitation, and it appears that the owner is unwilling or not ready to rehabilitate the property. Unfortunately it is located on the main street and detracts from the attractiveness of the village.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that something will have to be done, in the not too distant future, about sewage disposal in the village. This, together with the lack of an adequate water system, represent the two greatest needs of the Town at the present time. Townspeople should realize that it will not be possible to postpone action on these matters indefinitely.

Needless to report, the gypsy moth problem became acute in 1953 and promises to be more so next year. For the first time part of the Town appropriation was pooled with the County and a few other towns and a

limited spraying program undertaken. While this represented hardly a drop in the bucket, it did help stimulate a concerted and widespread attack on the pest, which it is hoped will be adopted on a State-wide basis in 1954. For this reason a larger appropriation will be requested.

Late in the year, a "community" system of television reception was started in Town by a private individual without proper authorization. This has apparently worked out reasonably well for those connected to it, and interfered materially with others who use their own TV antenna. The matter is presently being investigated by our Town Counsel and the attorney for the owner of the system in the hope that something satisfactory will be worked out.

To those of us who are administering town affairs, and who probably can't see the trees for the woods, things seem to be moving along reasonably well. To those of you who have a better perspective and can see the need of improvement, may we please have the benefit of your suggestions?

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS C. ANNEAR,  
WILLIAM D. PIERSON,  
WINSTON HEALY,

Selectmen.

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## Report of the Finance Committee

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To the Citizens of Charlemont,

Greetings:—

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the town Finance Committee.

Your committee, during the year, approved the transfer of funds from the Reserve Account to such demanding accounts as Bonding Town Officers, Soldiers Relief, and Workmen's Compensation, all unavoidable. They also approved a transfer of \$35 to the Christmas Party Account. This latter transfer, while small, was made without the entire approval of the committee. It would seem that any



such account could and should have been kept within the appropriation made at the annual Town Meeting.

During the spring months a careful and intensive study of the estimated cost to the Town of Charlemont for operating the Hawlemont Regional School was made at the request of one of the tax payers on one hand and the School Superintendent on the other. A full report was made thereon.

The committee, with Kendrick and Pitman present, sat with the School Committee and again with the Board of Selectmen in consultation over the 1954 Town Budget. We have submitted our budget for publication in the Town Report and assume full responsibility therefore. We believe that this is the first time that the Finance Committee has, as provided in the Town By-Laws, drawn up the budget instead of the Selectmen. We have felt that, in view of the coming expenses for the Regional School, only absolutely necessary expenses should be included, and that the appropriations for the same should be kept to the irreducible minimums. The budget, then, calls for something between \$4000 and \$5000 less than last year exclusive of any amount that may be requisitioned for the Hawlemont School. Whatever that amount may come to it should be easily possible to pay it out of available unappropriated funds. The tax rate for 1954, providing that income from the State as will be shown on the Cherry Sheet is equal to that of last year, should be close to \$3.00 less than in 1953, or around \$35.

Finally we would mention that the appropriation for Swimming Classes that has been on the budget for the last few years was eliminated. Your committee, after a careful study of the laws relating to the Powers and Duties of Towns, can find no authority for such appropriation and, believing it illegal, have omitted it.

Because your committee has been unable to get in touch with George Ringchrist for the last six months, and because it is known that he is not at present residing in town the committee has declared a vacancy on said committee.

Respectfully submitted,

STANTON KENDRICK, *Chairman*

LAURENCE M. PITMAN, *Secy.*

Charlemont Finance Committee.

# REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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During the past year the Fire Department responded to 23 Town calls and 7 out-of-town calls.

The Department during the past summer had the outside of its building painted to improve its appearance.

Last summer the Department took charge of the swimming classes for our school children. About 60 children benefitted by this project, with funds voted by the Town.

As part of the Yankee Doodle Days, the Department sponsored a square dance in Bissell Bridge.

Another piece of equipment was purchased this fall. A Myer's high pressure pump with a 600 gallon tank, which will step up the efficiency of the Department in fighting building or grass fires, especially where water is hard to get at.

We cordially invite anyone who is interested to attend our regular meetings the second Monday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. CETTO

Secretary and Treasurer

Charlemont Fire Department

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## Report of the Park Commissioners

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During the year 1953 improvements were made at Memorial Park by removing brush and stumps over a large area so the land can be mowed with machine.

The road leading to the Park was graded and made wider which proved of great value during Yankee Doodle Days.

Among the activities held at the Park were many programs during the three Yankee Doodle Days: the joint pic-

nic of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from Shelburne Falls and Charlemont and the Sportsmen's Club trapshoots and use of rifle range.

The Commission recommend that a larger appropriation be made for Park improvement on account of needed repair to the ell at rear of grand-stand to help preserve the main structure.

We wish to thank each and every loyal citizen who gave free labor in making improvements to the Park.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHARLES L. PURINTON, *Chairman*  
HARRY F. LEGATE  
AVIS M. CHURCHILL

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## REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Library will be greatly benefitted by the expanded Regional Library services offered through the Greenfield Regional Center. Through the efforts of the Franklin-Hampshire Rural Libraries Association, of which the local Librarian and Trustees are a part, the state appropriation for this unit was greatly increased this year. Services were added similar in scope to those furnished by the Western Massachusetts Libraries Association which was financed through a Marshall Field grant, terminating in September, 1952. By reason of this expansion in service, Marshall Field permitted the residue of the gift, including books and equipment valued at approximately \$17,000, to be transferred to the Regional Center.

The question of the disposition of the Tyler building and funds is still before us. A situation, adopted only as a temporary expedient, still exists and, as yet, no satisfactory solution has been found. This is to be the project for the coming year.

Full details regarding disbursement of the Library and Tyler Memorial funds will be found under Selectmen's and Treasurer's reports.

Respectfully submitted,  
BLANCHE L. HUNT  
WILLIAM H. WAKEFIELD  
GRACE GOULD

# REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

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Total circulation was 9869 which includes books loaned from the Library and those from the Bookmobile — fiction and magazines 8996, non-fiction 873.

Books purchased 136; a few of the top-notchers — *O Rugged Land of Gold*, by Martha Martin, a true story of her winter alone in Alaska, her husband lost in a storm, and her hard battle to keep herself alive after being injured in a landslide; *Only Parent*, by Louise Dickinson Rich; the reprint of *Boy Captive of Old Deerfield*; the *History of Hawley*; *The Sea of Glory* — the magnificent story of the four chaplains of different faiths who went down on the *Dorchester* which was sunk by an enemy torpedo — after giving their life jackets to four shipmates; the two books by our Charlemont writer — *Guys on Ice* and *Halibut Schooner*, the first a saga of GIs in World War 2, a handful of GIs sent to guard one of the Pribilof Islands off Alaska against the Japs; the second book concerns a season of winter fishing in Alaska, of the author, one of a 6 man crew on a 60 foot fishing boat — hardships of winter fishing with lively accounts of uproarious situations; *Labrador Nurse*, by B. J. Banfil, with the background of the Grenfel Mission in Labrador, gives a stirring account of her heroic devotion to the needs of mankind in the far North; *Seven Steeples* by Margaret Hendrichsen, her story of her work as a pastor of seven churches in Maine; *The Unconquered* by Ben Ames Williams, continuing the story of Don and Lucy Page which was told in Williams' earlier book, *House Divided*, Page a Northerner with faith in the New South — an authentic picture of the post-Civil war in the south.

We ask greater care in returning books on time; Library hours, Wednesday from 2 to 5 — Saturdays, 2 to 5, 7 to 9.

Respectfully submitted,

PEARLE L. TANNER, Librarian



# REPORT OF TOWN HISTORIAN

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To the Selectmen of the Town of Charlemont:

You have asked me as Historian of the Town to make a report. What is the definition of a Historian? *A writer, compiler, or narrator of history.* In my labor along historical lines I have endeavored to stick to known facts; and have made a start, these facts in the main being taken from original copies made by secretaries of different organizations back in the early history of the town. Among them is the original Secretary's Book of the Old Oak Tree Association, in Mrs. Booth's own hand writing, records of the Old Folks Association, a copy of the old Academy, which was gotten together by Belle M. Mayhew, and a splendid reproduction of the old Academy Building which was destroyed by fire. I am, and have been for many years, an officer in the First Congregational Church of Charlemont, and have in my possession all of the facts pertinent to that organization. I have tried to get these facts into some form so that someone can get them together. Progress is slow, but I have met with considerable help from books, cemeteries and libraries. I wish to thank the Tax-payers for this position, and believe that in the course of time I will be of much help in obtaining the needed material.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED O. BICKNELL



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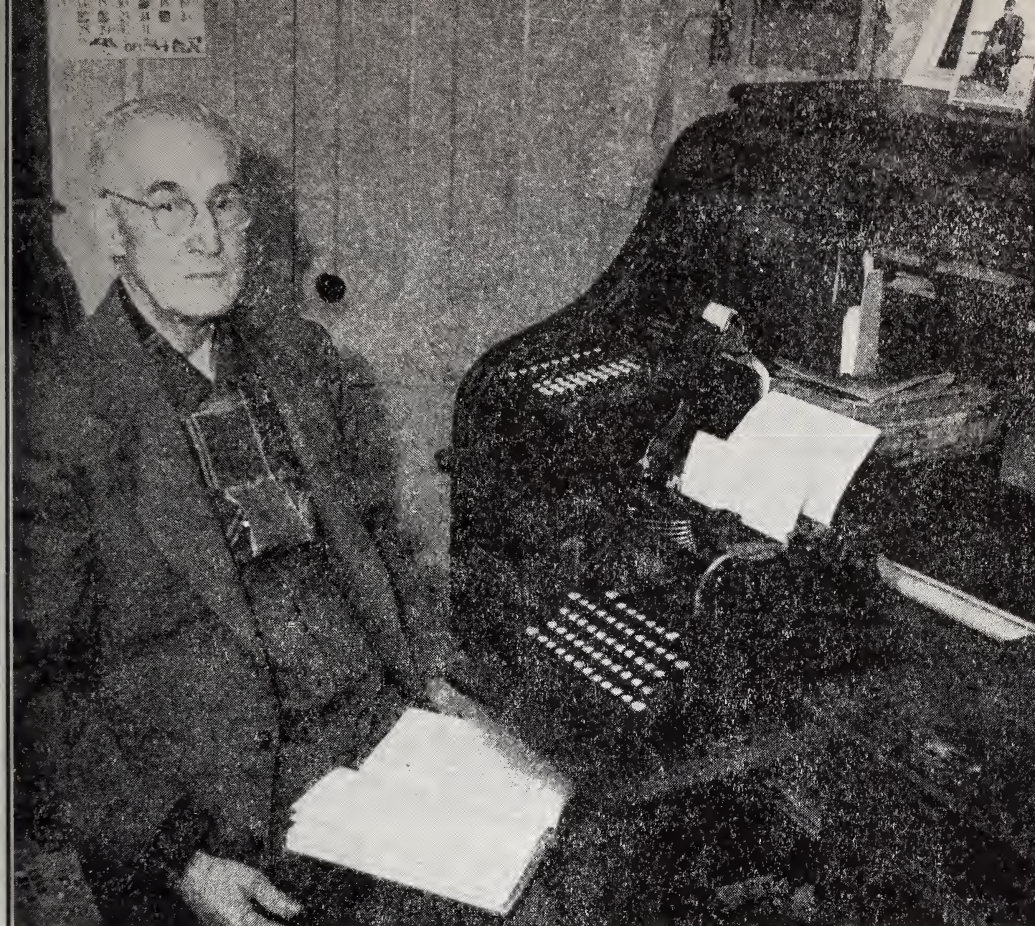
The following information about Grove Academy is reported by Fred O. Bicknell, most of it taken from an early report by Belle M. Mayhew.

The Academy was built in 1839 on what is now known as Academy Hill. Land was donated by three men, Messrs. Hastings, Rodman and Dickinson. The first term of school was held in that same year, taught by Roland S. Howes of Ashfield who was assisted by David Hawkes of Charlemont.

One evening in 1868 the building was destroyed by fire, and the same evening a tannery opposite the Misses Maxwells and a shop belonging to Eugene Field, on the East side of the road near Bissell Bridge, were burned by an incendiary.

The Academy was apparently not used all of the time between 1839 and 1868, but was used for school purposes for several years, and after for town meetings and as a meeting-place for the Cattle Show.

Both of the pictures on the next page were taken by Leslie R. Dunlop. The Academy picture represents a particularly fine piece of work, for it had to be reproduced from an old newspaper print in the Gazette and Courier of nearly fifty years ago. The original photograph was taken by M. M. Mayhew, who had been a student at the Academy, in 1866.



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*Town Historian  
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*Result.*





# REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

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During the year 1953 a survey was made of elm trees in the Village of Charlemont in regards to the Dutch Elm Disease.

While it was felt that several trees which were scouted were infected, a negative report from the University of Massachusetts Shade Tree Laboratory was received.

It has been recommended by entomologists that a careful check be kept of all elm trees in regards to what is known as bark rot, which is the first visible means of detecting the Dutch Elm Disease.

It will be deeply appreciated by all interested in this work if landowners and other persons detecting elm trees in a state of decay will kindly notify the Selectmen or local Tree Warden who will be glad to have samples taken and examined.

In this manner it is hoped that a check will be kept on our elm trees with a view to stamping out this disease.

Several dead trees along highways of the town have been removed this past year.

At the present time there are no funds set aside solely for this work, but it is hoped that this condition will be corrected.

Respectfully,

ROY H. BREEN,  
Tree Warden.

# VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

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Board of Selectmen  
Town of Charlemont  
Charlemont, Mass.

Herewith is my eighth annual report as Director of Veterans' Services and Veterans' Agent for the Towns of the Western Franklin District.

The continued interest of Committee members in the District affairs is greatly appreciated and is very helpful.

With the assistance of Gerard M. Fritz, County Treasurer, who attended our last meeting, the Contributory Retirement System has been accepted for the District.

The Massachusetts Bonus for Veterans during the period of the Korean emergency became effective June 25, 1953, and 119 applications were processed after the first of July to the end of 1953.

The total number of requests for assistance was 858 for 1953. Forty-nine boys were registered for Selective Service, and assistance was given to several on Selective Service questionnaires. Photostat machine work was done on Tuesday of each week, and a total of 1,410 prints were made during the year.

A total of 24 applications for Veteran's Benefits were processed during the year, eight new cases, and at present there are fourteen active cases on the books. A total of \$11,481.06 was administered for the district under the provisions of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as amended.

Eighteen applications for pensions have been prepared and forwarded with the cooperation and assistance of Mr. Edward O'Neil, Contact Representative of the Veterans Administration. The benefits received from these pensions have helped to reduce the financial burden to the Towns.

The advice and cooperation of the Contact Representative at this office on alternate Wednesday afternoons during the year have been very helpful.

The cost of operating the Veterans' Service Office for 1953 was \$4,142.58, with receipts of \$8.00 paid to the Treasurer for commercial photostat work done, making a net cost of \$4,134.58.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. SCOTT,  
Director and Veterans' Agent.

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# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

1953	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
Jan. 9—	Karen Lee Ryznic	Charles Ryznic Arlene Manchester
Jan. 13—	Linda Marie Coates	Allen M. Coates Sylvia A. Baxter
Jan. 23—	Charlene Ellen Churchill	Clyde H. Churchill Ruth H. Borklund
Feb. 19—	Michael Allan Magnant	Lester Francis Magnant Lauraine Esther Sauve
Mar. 9—	Allen Wayne Rice	Floyd Arthur Rice, Jr. Josephine Lynch
Mar. 11—	Debra Sue Raymond	Gerald Theodore Raymond Bessie Pierson
Apr. 16—	William Allen Martin	Ernest L. Martin Grace May Batis
June 26—	Jeamine Martha Woods	Darwin C. Woods Eleanor Palmer
June 26—	Mary Louise Stafford	Edward Russell Stafford Margaret Louise Erickson
July 20—	Alice Corrine Dickinson	Edgar Gale Dickinson Ruth Arlene Bowen



Aug. 21—Edwin Joseph Lively, Jr.	Edwin Joseph Lively Eleanor May Sears
Aug. 25—Ruth Evelyn Bellows	Cecil G. Bellows Jessie Ferron
Aug. 31—Bradley Allan Fitzroy	Alton P. Fitzroy, Jr. Lois Porrovecchio
Sept. 12—Lyle Willis Pierce, Jr.	Lyle Willis Pierce Eleanor Burdick
Sept. 25—Carol Mae Shumway	Harold T. Shumway Gladys Stickney

#### COMPARISON TABLE OF BIRTHS

1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
23	18	20	16	18	15

#### MARRIAGES

1953	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
May 26—	Richard Poirier Stetson Rosemarie Dora Burdick	Charlemont, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
June 13—	J. Walter Gay Maude L. Morris (Barnes)	Attleboro, Mass. North Attleboro, Mass.
June 27—	Adrien E. Gifford Doris M. Pratt	Hawley, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
July 4—	Russell William Ryder Elizabeth Gertrude Tinney	Shelburne, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
Aug. 15—	Earle H. Streeter, Jr. Mary Esther Stiles	Cummington, Mass. Hawley, Mass.
Sept. 27—	Russell Walter Kinsman Marlith Helen Brant	Heath, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
Sept. 27—	Horace George Purinton Dorothy Elizabeth Hunkler	Charlemont, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
Sept. 28—	Homer W. Bonear Bessie May Stafford	Crescent City, Florida South Deerfield, Mass.
Nov. 3—	Leland Pecor Helen McNaulty	Charlemont, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
Nov. 21—	Thomas Philip Sheridan Lorraine Edna Ferron	Heath, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.

#### COMPARISON TABLE OF MARRIAGES

1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
20	9	13	8	8	10

## DEATHS

1953	Name	Yrs.	Months	Days
Feb. 13—	Julia (Cooley) Bicknell .....	79	11	11
Apr. 26—	Jennie Marion Crocker .....	71	1	11
May 23—	Fred A. Fuller .....	79	1	13
June 23—	Allen Clarence Barlow .....	4	9	11
June 30—	Cora A. (White) Clark .....	80	10	0
Aug. 14—	Frederick Gardiner Northup .....	68	5	28
Sept. 7—	John J. Simmons .....	63	9	19
Sept. 15—	Eva Mae (Chapman) Dimick .....	63	2	4
Sept. 26—	George Frank Chapman .....	77	9	24
Oct. 21—	Alice (Lees) Wells .....	81	2	6
Nov. 20—	Winfield Sears Baker .....	21	3	12

### COMPARISON TABLE OF DEATHS

1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
10	19	21	12	11

### 365 FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED

18	Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses to persons seventy or more years old .....	Free
9	Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting Licenses .....	Free
1	Resident Citizen Old Age Assistance Fishing License .....	Free
70	Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses at \$3.25 .....	\$ 227.50
98	Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses at \$3.25 .....	318.50
84	Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses at \$5.25 .....	441.00
18	Resident Citizen Minors' Fish. Licenses at \$1.25 ..	22.50
36	Resident Citizen Women's Fish. Licenses at \$2.25.	81.00
1	Resident Citizens' Trapping License at \$7.75 .....	7.75
21	Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Licenses at \$2.75 for 3 Consecutive Days .....	57.75
5	Non-Resident Citizens' or Resident Alien Fishing Licenses at \$7.75 .....	38.75
1	Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting License at \$15.25	15.25
1	Non-Resident Citizens' Sporting License at \$20.25	20.25

2 Duplicate Licenses at \$0.50 .....	1.00	
	_____	\$ 1,231.25
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game .....	\$ 1,147.50	
Fees retained .....	83.75	
	_____	\$ 1,231.25

**119 DOG LICENSES ISSUED — 1 KENNEL LICENSE**

55 Male Dog Licenses at \$2.00 .....	\$ 110.00	
21 Female Dog Licenses at \$5.00 .....	105.00	
43 Spayed Female Dog Licenses at \$2.00 .....	86.00	
1 Kennel License at \$25.00 .....	25.00	
	_____	\$ 326.00
Paid Town Treasurer .....	\$ 302.00	
Fees retained .....	24.00	
	_____	\$ 326.00

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER,  
Town Clerk.

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## JURY LIST, 1954

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Burton W. Avery, storekeeper  
 Glenn E. Adams, farmer  
 B. J. Halligan, insurance agent  
 Blanche L. Hunt, housewife  
 Donald Raymond, electrician  
 Walter W. Brownsword, farmer  
 Norman W. Hawkes, truck driver  
 Marshall Johnson, farmer  
 Margaret L. Healy, housewife  
 Henry L. Avery, storekeeper  
 Harold J. Langevin, painter  
 Paul DiBenedetto, innkeeper  
 Marjorie A. Willis, housewife

# Trustees Of East Charlemont School

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To the Citizens of the Town of Charlemont, Greetings:

Herewith is submitted the first annual report of the Trustees of the East Charlemont School.

This report will be brief and will deal largely with the background history of the movement to preserve this fine old building.

Action taken at the 1953 Town Meeting provided for the adoption of a town by-law which would permit the appointment of a committee of five members to be known as the Board of Trustees of the East Charlemont School. The exact wording of this vote will be found recorded in minutes of that meeting.

On June 8, 1953, the town received official approval of the by-law from the office of Attorney General George Fingold. On June 30, 1953, Town Moderator Horace E. Warfield appointed the following committee to serve until the 1954 annual town meeting: David J. Malcolm, Mrs. Emma Fisk, and Mrs. Mabel V. Sears, all of Charlemont, and Laurence A. Clark and Stanton C. Kendrick of East Charlemont.

Your Trustees have held one meeting to discuss problems of organization and policies in an informal way. No definite actions of any sort were taken, it being the consensus of the Trustees that the permanent Board soon to be appointed should be free from any previous commitments.

Your Trustees have made no expenditures during the year, but a much needed roof was installed on the school shed under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen from funds appropriated for that purpose. The school was open for three afternoons during Yankee Doodle Days and entertained many out-of-town visitors. We recommend an appropriation of \$25.00 for the year 1954.

Your Trustees are of the opinion that the duties of the Board will include much long range planning in order that the true value of this historical heritage may be a continuing inspiration to future generations. Its preservation and development should be a civic enterprise supported by private individuals and organizations throughout the town. The program will be slow in unfolding, but the future is worthwhile. Suggestions will be welcome from all sources.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID J. MALCOLM, Secretary  
For the Trustees of the  
East Charlemont School

# Hawlemont Regional School District Report

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Following the establishment of a regional school district by vote of the citizens of the Towns of Charlemont and Hawley, three members of the school committee of each town were appointed to serve as members of the regional school district committee. They elected W. Payson Stafford to serve as chairman and Gertrude L. Ogden, secretary. F. Dean Carter was appointed treasurer and Thomas L. Warren, Union School Superintendent, was appointed to serve as superintendent for the regional school district. Two men from each town were chosen to act as advisors, without voting power. They are Winston Healy, Dr. Charles Streeter, F. Dean Carter and Harold White.

All members of the committee visited several new school buildings to learn modern school requirements.

Mr. Karl S. Putnam who drew plans for the Charlemont committee introduced Mr. Warren H. Ashley of Hartford, Conn., who was engaged to draw plans for a six-room elementary school with cafeteria and gymnasium.

Merchants' National Bank of Boston with Shelburne Falls National Bank cooperating, was chosen to handle business for the committee.

Mr. Joseph T. Bartlett of Greenfield was chosen to serve as legal counsel.

The contract for the new school was awarded to O. D. Purington Co., Inc. of Providence, R.I., low bidder, and construction was begun in November. The building is to be completed not later than December 1954.

\$325,000 bonds were sold in November to finance the new building.

During construction, the building will be insured against loss or damage from any cause.

The committee has met in regular and special meetings 24 times, besides being represented twice, by Superintendent Warren and several members, in the office of Mr. John Marshall of the School Building Assistance Commission, in Boston, for conferences on procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

W. PAYSON STAFFORD, Chairman  
GERTRUDE L. OGDEN, Secretary  
BURTON W. AVERY  
BELLE T. BELLOWS  
HELEN M. STILES  
EMMA B. VINCENT



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Receipts

Town of Charlemont, down payment .....	\$ 19,750.00
Town of Hawley, down payment .....	5,250.00
Interest on deposits .....	121.99
Merchants National Bank, sale of 325 Hawle- mont Regional School District bonds .....	325,000.00
Premium on bonds @ \$2.88 each .....	936.00
Interest on bonds from Nov. 1, to Dec. 3, 1953 .....	819.26
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	\$351,877.25

### Disbursements

Shelburne Falls National Bank, seal, checks ...	\$ 12.03
Mrs. Gertrude L. Ogden, postage .....	.79
H. A. Hicks Insurance Agency, premium on Treasury bonds .....	325.00
Town of Charlemont, deed conveying land to Hawlemont Regional School District .....	1.00
Recorder-Gazette, printing .....	36.75
North Adams Transcript, printing .....	40.32
F. W. Dodge., adv. official proposal .....	79.20
Franklin Registry of Deeds, recording deed ..	5.00
Warren H. Ashley, Architect, services .....	13,969.93
—expenses, blueprinting, etc. ....	908.94
Charles A. Currier and Assoc. site development	1,500.00
F. Deane Avery Assoc., surveying .....	133.50
National Education Assoc. supplies .....	1.86
Merchants National Bank, services rendered in sale of school bonds .....	1,098.73
F. Deane Carter, postage on bonds .....	18.27
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., services .....	32.95
Stoddard, Ball and Bartlett, legal fees .....	181.94
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	18,346.21
Available funds .....	333,531.04
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	\$351,877.25

The available funds consist of the following deposits:

Shelburne Falls Savings Bank .....	\$ 6,191.18
Shelburne Falls National Bank .....	103,253.36
*The Merchants National Bank (Treasury Bills) .....	224,086.50
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	\$333,531.04

\*Treasury Bills on March 10th, 1954  
have a maturity value of \$225,000.00

The Treasurer's books were examined by State Auditors as of November 30th, 1953, and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,  
F. DEANE CARTER, Treasurer.

# Annual Report of the School Committee

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FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

1953

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Burton Avery, <i>Chairman</i>	Term Expires 1954
Emma Vincent, <i>Secretary</i>	Term Expires 1955
William P. Stafford	Term Expires 1956
Thomas L. Warren	<i>Superintendent</i>
Aubrey Rice, Horace Warfield	<i>Attendance Officers</i>
Dr. Samuel J. Galbo	<i>School Physician</i>
Dorothy Morehouse, R. N.	<i>School Nurse</i>

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

First Winter Term	Opens January 4, 1954 Closes February 19, 1954
Second Winter Term	Opens March 1, 1954 Closes April 16, 1954
Spring Term	Opens April 26, 1954 Closes June 18, 1954 (High) Closes June 11, 1954 (Elem.)
Fall Term	Opens September 8, 1954

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

October 8, 1954	— Teachers' Convention
October 12, 1954	— Columbus Day
November 11, 1954	— Armistice Day
November 24, 1954 (Noon)	— Thanksgiving Holidays
December 6, 1954	— Teachers Visiting Day
December 23, 1954 to January 3, 1955	— Christmas Holidays

### CHART OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL — TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Experience</i>	<i>Professional Teaching</i>
Thomas L. Warren	Superintendent	16 Years	B. S. Ed. Bridgewater Teachers College M. Ed. Boston University Harvard University
Wilson L. Tilley	Principal-Teacher Gr. 7-12 Science Mathematics	4 Years	B. S. Northeastern University
Charles L. Warner (Resigned)	Principal-Teacher Gr. 7-12 Science Mathematics	15 Years	A. B. Amherst College M. Ed. Boston University
Lois E. McHaffie	Grade 7-12 English	11 Years	A. B. Mary Washington College
Eunice I. Plante	Grade 7-12 Languages Social Studies	1 Year	B. A. Emmanuel College
Kathryn Costello (Resigned)	Grade 7-12 Languages Social Studies	2 Years	A. B. Trinity College
Lucille Mackler	Commercial Studies	1 Year	B. S. American International College
Mary Hughes (Resigned)	Commercial Studies	19 Years	B. S. New York University
Ruth Law	Gr. 7-12 Mathematics Science	1 Year	B. S. University of Massachusetts
Maynard M. Perkins (Resigned)	Gr. 7-12 Mathematics Science	2 Years	B. S. University of Massachusetts
Thelma Purinton	Gr. 5-6	10 Years	North Adams Normal School

Gladys Clark	Gr. 3-4	13 Years	Aroostook State Normal School
Estella Carter	Gr. 1-2	25 Years	St. Joseph's College
Janet Wetterwald	Music Supervisor	5 Years	Boston University
Hazel Richmond	Remedial Reading	14 Years	Wilson College
Beda Langevin	Lip Reading	15 Years	North Adams Normal School
Florence W. Williams (deceased)	Art	3 Years	Clarke School for Deaf
Jeanette Rich	Art	11 Years	B. S. Massachusetts School of Art
Rinehart Handwriting System			

### NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL

Beverly Ellsworth	Clerk—School Committee and Superintendent (part time)
William C. Turner	School Custodian
Gertrude Maynard	Cafeteria Manager
Leona Maynard	Cafeteria Assistant
Mabel Gilbert	Cafeteria Assistant
Dorothy Morehouse, R. N.	School Nurse
Samuel Galbo, M. D.	School Doctor

# Report of the Superintendent Of Schools

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To the Members of the School Committee and the  
Citizens of the Town of Charlemont.

I hereby submit my sixth annual report.

I believe that the action taken by the voters of the towns of Charlemont and Hawley whereby they approved of the building of a regional elementary school was the outstanding event of the year. The provision for the housing of the elementary pupils in surroundings which will be more conducive to better health and better atmosphere for learning is well worth the sacrifice which all will have to make to pay for the building.

The members of the regional school district committee and their appointed advisors are deserving of great commendation for their devotion to their arduous task of planning for the construction of the new school building. Throughout the year they have given unstintingly of their time and energy, as anyone may well realize by reading the report of the Regional School District which appears elsewhere in this report.

The reopening of school in September occurred with a new principal and three other new teachers in the high school. This represented an 80% change, the greatest in many years. However, the new principal and teachers with the kindly advice and assistance of the veteran teachers in the building have carried out their assignments in a very satisfactory manner.

The public reception to the new teachers soon after the opening of school was highly successful, and it would be well if it were to become an annual affair. It serves to establish a healthy parent-teacher relationship early in the year. In this regard I urge all parents to become acquainted with their children's teachers in order that by working together they may better promote the pupil welfare.



Since the school personnel chart presents the statistics on teachers who have resigned or been appointed there seems no need to repeat the facts here. One has but to read the papers to become aware of the difficulty of procuring teachers, and I feel that we have been quite fortunate in our selections.

Many of the teachers have continued the practice of taking extension courses which have served to keep them aware of the latest methods and developments in education. The quality of the instruction has been enhanced by this in-service training program. In connection with this program, the annual teachers visiting day and the annual county teachers convention have also proven to be of great value.

No educational program can function without the proper tools of instruction, therefore, we have continued to change textbooks, add new or replace old equipment whenever it was deemed necessary, but only after a careful survey of the same. In order to more properly train our commercial students we have purchased an electric adding machine and four new typewriters which replaced four which were quite old.

A new liquid duplicator which will benefit teachers and pupils was also a major purchase.

The school roof which has been a continual source of trouble due to leakage during stormy weather has once more been repaired, and we feel that this time the leaks have really been eliminated.

*Adult Education:* Throughout the nation there has developed a large scale "return to school" on the part of adults by means of evening classes. This year we have had such a thing happen in Charlemont with the instigation of an adult typing class of 12 pupils under the direction of Miss Mackler. The pupils use the school equipment and pay a small fee which is used to compensate the instructor. This adult program could be expanded into other areas of learning such as agriculture, current affairs, government, etc., if there is a need or desire for such classes.

As in past years every effort has been made to keep costs down and yet provide the instruction and equipment which are necessary for the adequate education of the youth of our community. It is gratifying to continue to receive

many fine reports on the excellent progress being made by many of our graduates in institutions of higher learning, in the armed services, and in business or industry. Charle-  
mont can but do its utmost to furnish the best possible facilities for education, however, the ultimate amount of success attained by our graduates depends on their own individual initiative, energy, capability and effort.

The continued cooperation of the members of the Board of Selectmen and of Mr. Lawrence S. Tinney, town hall custodian, in allowing us to use Goodnow Hall for the various school affairs and athletic contests is greatly appreciated.

Doctor Samuel J. Galbo has given a very complete physical examination to each pupil in the school, and I wish to commend most highly Miss Dorothy Morehouse, school nurse, for the zeal and energy with which she carries out her duties.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the school committee members, teachers, parents, and pupils for their cooperation and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS L. WARREN,  
Superintendent of Schools

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**REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL  
CHARLEMONT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL**

Mr. Thomas L. Warren  
Superintendent of Schools  
Charlemont, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Warren:

It is my privilege to submit herewith my first annual school report.

The enrollment at the opening of school in September was 163 of which 71 were enrolled in the high school.

The program of studies has undergone some alterations since last year. The addition of a combined course of commercial law and consumer economics as well as a course in world history has broadened and enriched the program of elective subjects. Another significant change has been the division of all of the 7th and 8th grade combined courses. The individual attention provided these grades, as a result, is most desirable at these levels.

A demand for a more reliable evaluation of the wide range of student accomplishment brought about the adoption of a new marking system and new report cards. The new system has proven to be very satisfactory for all concerned. Although the student grades are not as high as they have been in the past I feel that they are indicative of the students performance.

The cafeteria is feeding a larger number of pupils than it has in the past. This would indicate that more people realize what a fine hot lunch program we have, thanks to the capabilities of Mrs. Maynard. We are indeed fortunate in this respect.

The senior class play, "Hillbilly Wedding", under the direction of Mrs. Lois McHaffie was presented in November and was a complete success. The entire group is to be congratulated.

Two Christmas programs were presented in December. One was the annual elementary school presentation in conjunction with the Christmas Tree sponsored by the Town. The other program was two one-act plays produced by the 7th and 8th grades capably directed by Mrs. McHaffie.

I firmly believe that the school program is progressing and improving as I had hoped it would. The new members of the staff have worked in well and the old members have been completely cooperative for which I would like to express my thanks.

If time permits, I would like to look forward to an expansion of our guidance and testing programs in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

WILSON L. TILLEY

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### REGISTRATION OF MINORS

<i>Age Groups</i>	<i>5 to 7</i>	<i>7 to 14</i>	<i>Total</i>
Boys	16	52	68
Girls	15	57	72
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Totals	31	109	140
In Public Schools	22	107	129
In Private Schools	0	1	1
Special Schools	0	0	0
Vocational Schools	0	0	0
Not in School	9	1	10
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Totals	31	109	140

## MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1953

Grade	Age													Totals	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
1	6	13													19
2		3	10												13
3				10	2										12
4				4	11	1									16
5					1	9	4								14
6						1	11	3	2						17
7							2	6	3	1					12
8								4	8	3					15
9										7	5	1			13
10										2	7	2	1		12
11												9	2	1	12
12												1	5	1	7
Total	6	16	10	14	14	11	17	13	13	13	12	13	8	2	162

### 1954 GRADUATION PROGRAM

#### CLASS ROLL

GERALDINE NANCY ANNEAR	RAYMOND ALVIN PURINTON
MARLITH ARMENTA BRANT	M. ARLENE SIBLEY
WALTER EVERETT CLARK	FLORENCE A. TAYLOR
JOAN MARIE GASSETT	ESTHER JANET WHITE
LEONA ADA MAYNARD	KAY WILBUR
LUCILLE ELIZABETH PETERS	THEODORE MELVIN WILLARD
ALLEN CLAYTON WILLIS	

#### FACULTY

Mr. Charles L. Warner, <i>Principal</i>	
Miss Katherine Costello	Mr. Maynard Perkins
Mrs. Lois McHaffie	Miss Mary Hughes

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Thomas L. Warren

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Burton Avery, <i>Chairman</i>	
Mrs. Emma B. Vincent	Mr. W. Payson Stafford

#### P R O G R A M

Processional	Accompanist, MRS. JANET WETTERWALD
Invocation	REV WILLIAM WAKEFIELD

Salutatory Address " <i>Success or Failure</i> "	LUCILLE PETERS
Class History	GERALDINE ANNEAR & RAYMOND PURINTON
Songs	C. H. S. CHORUS
<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	<i>Waiting In The Shadows</i>
<i>The Song From The Moulin Rouge</i>	
Class Will	ESTHER WHITE & ALLAN WILLIS
Class Prophecy	FLORENCE TAYLOR & THEODORE WILLARD
Commencement Address " <i>Four Gifts From Your Folks</i> "	
	DR. PAUL L. ESSERT, Prof. of Ed. Teachers College, Columbia
Presentation of Class Gift	KAY WILBUR
Dedication of Yearbook	ARLENE SIBLEY
Presentations	WALTER CLARK, JOAN GASSETT, LEONA MAYNARD
Valedictorian Address " <i>The Outward Look</i> "	MARLITH BRANT
Songs	C. H. S. CHORUS
<i>Mon Petit Brave Soldat</i>	<i>Sweet Kentucky Babe</i>
<i>I Whistle A Happy Tune</i>	<i>Oh Mighty Land</i>
Presentation of Awards:	
American Legion	ANDREW ROYER, <i>Commander</i>
School Awards	CHARLES L. WARNER, <i>Principal</i>
Diplomas	THOMAS L. WARREN, <i>Superintendent</i>
Class Song	words by MARLITH BRANT & ESTHER WHITE
Benediction	REV. WILLIAM WAKEFIELD
Recessional	
Receiving Line	

#### GRADUATION AWARDS 1953

Readers Digest —	MARLITH BRANT
A Year's Subscription to the valedictorian of the class	
Bausch and Lomb Science Award	WALLACE CLARK
To the student having the highest grades in science	
Becker College Award	KAY WILBUR
To the student having highest grades in commercial subjects	
American Legion Award	WALLACE CLARK and LUCILLE PETERS
Alumni Awards:	
For highest grades —	ESTHER WHITE and WILLIAM MAXWELL
Most Improvement —	DONALD WILBUR and RUBY BAXTER



Pro Merito:

Seniors: GERALDINE ANNEAR, MARLITH BRANT, WALTER CLARK,  
 LUCILLE PETERS, RAYMOND PURINTON, ARLENE SIBLEY,  
 FLORENCE TAYLOR, and ESTHER WHITE.  
 Junior: HAROLD WHITE, JR.

CLASS MOTTO

*No man is wise enough by himself*

CLASS COLORS  
 Green & White

CLASS FLOWER  
 Yellow Rose

EXPENDITURES

General Control:

Thomas L. Warren .....	\$ 2,920.64
Travel .....	328.80
Burton Avery .....	50.00
Emma Vincent .....	50.00
William P. Stafford .....	50.00
Office Supplies .....	28.31
Office Rent .....	150.00
New England Tel. & Tel. ....	136.70
School Committee Expense .....	6.25
Superintendent Expense .....	86.75
Beverly Ellsworth, Salary .....	281.40
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	\$ 4,088.85

Instruction:

Charles L. Warner .....	\$ 2,637.00
Wilson L. Tilley .....	1,332.80
Lois McHaffie .....	2,838.71
Thelma Purinton .....	2,853.71
Mary Hughes .....	1,866.71
Gladys Clark .....	2,884.01
Estella Carter .....	2,799.51
Kathryn Costello .....	1,665.65
Maynard Perkins .....	1,700.66
Rinehart .....	450.00
Florence W. Williams .....	162.00
Hazel Richmond (Remedial Reading) .....	1,028.00
Hazel Richmond (Sub.) .....	72.00
Janet Wetterwald .....	652.50
Beda Langevin .....	165.00
Winifred Looney (Sub.) .....	8.00
Mrs. Preston Townsley (Sub.) .....	16.00

Lucille Mackler .....	832.00
Ruth Law .....	818.33
Eunice Plante .....	832.00
Roswell Miller .....	139.00
Jeanette Rich .....	160.00
	<hr/> \$ 25,913.59

Textbooks :

Scott Foresman and Company .....	\$ 199.30
Liberty Publishing Company .....	10.00
D. C. Heath and Company .....	19.72
Prospect Union Exchange .....	1.50
Journal of Education .....	1.50
Allyn and Bacon Company .....	26.21
Sawyer News Company .....	1.10
Center For Information .....	2.50
Gilberton Company .....	2.40
South-Western Company .....	19.20
Nations Schools .....	3.00
News of The Week .....	16.50
Lyons and Carnahan .....	75.36
Educators Progress Service .....	6.00
Rand McNally Pub. Co. ....	6.35
Laidlaw Brothers .....	2.97
Follett Publishing Company .....	87.18
Athletic Journal .....	2.00
Benton Publishing Company .....	6.02
American Book Company .....	49.96
Ginn and Company .....	76.12
Grolier Society .....	7.85
Levison & Blythe Company .....	12.56
World Book Company .....	27.27
American School .....	3.50
Houghton Mifflin Company .....	6.10
Ditto Company .....	26.52
MacMillan Company .....	51.23
Consumers Research .....	3.00
World Book Company .....	18.22
News Map of Week .....	16.50
Silver Burdett Company .....	25.01
J. E. Davidson & Company .....	44.00
B. H. Sanborn & Company .....	28.09
National Geographical Society .....	5.25
American Red Cross .....	6.00
Popular Science .....	12.00

Changing Times .....	2.00
Science Service .....	3.13
Markhart Educators Service .....	3.65
Rinehart Books Inc. ....	4.57
Boston Music Company .....	49.04
C. C. Birchard .....	42.85
Birk and Company .....	3.02
	\$ 1,016.25

Supplies:

Secondary School Principals Assoc. ....	\$ 14.44
Valley Studio .....	1.10
National Educators Association .....	2.08
Delands .....	2.00
Willis Music Company .....	1.37
Scott Brothers .....	.82
Follett Publishing Company .....	18.97
Cascade Paper Company .....	60.61
Rand McNally .....	17.67
J. L. Hammett and Company .....	250.84
Joan D. Whiteside .....	6.50
Wright & Potter .....	5.09
H. W. Gray Company .....	6.50
C. H. Hammond & Company .....	18.64
Berkshire Printers .....	2.10
Carter Paper Company .....	26.25
Popular Science .....	54.00
Milton Bradley Co. ....	249.21
Wilson L. Tilley .....	2.00
Raymond Wilson .....	19.50
Frank Wells .....	1.00
Barrett & Baker .....	4.00
Mainco Trading Company .....	50.85
Commonwealth of Massachusetts .....	25.50
Lawrence Pitman .....	15.00
Lawrence Tinney .....	3.00
Lynch's Sporting Equipment Company .....	39.50
Lyons Band Instrument Company .....	29.80
Boston Music Company .....	44.64
	\$ 973.78

Janitor:

Will C. Turner .....	\$ 2,280.00
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Fuel:

W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc. ....	\$ 812.53
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William P. Stafford .....	20.00	
Aubrey Rice .....	8.00	
		\$ 840.53

Miscellaneous :

Modern Laundry .....	\$ 112.37	
Lewis Bailey .....	123.45	
Bond Cleaners .....	18.72	
Edward Canter .....	8.88	
Hillyard Sales Company .....	41.81	
S. G. Gould .....	66.85	
A. L. Avery & Sons .....	75.63	
Northern Berkshire Gas & Light .....	359.88	
Cascade Paper Company .....	37.95	
J. L. Hammett Company .....	29.20	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts .....	10.00	
Railroad Express Company .....	3.70	
Potter Grain Stores, Inc. ....	64.50	
Earl Howes .....	7.25	
Anne Burgess .....	9.40	
New England Tel. & Tel. Company .....	122.51	
C. H. Demond and Company .....	33.45	
H. S. Swan Company .....	8.00	
Ben Franklin Stores .....	2.75	
Leon Turner .....	17.50	
Berkshire Printers .....	28.15	
Wilson L. Tilley .....	5.50	
Elementary Evaluative Citeria .....	4.62	
Bruhin and Company .....	109.40	
Elm Street Greenhouse .....	8.75	
Ellsworth's Service Station .....	14.46	
Power Equipment Company .....	16.00	
Frank Wells .....	3.00	
Trustees of Boston University .....	12.50	
Carter Paper Company .....	50.50	
Harman Pecor .....	19.40	
Grolier Society .....	3.23	
Gibbons Music House .....	13.10	
March's Pharmacy .....	.76	
Haigis Transport Company .....	1.60	
Herman Harris .....	7.75	
Lawrence Pitman .....	15.00	
Lawrence Tinney .....	3.00	
Frank Wells .....	10.00	
		\$ 1,480.52

Maintenance :

Gibbons Music House .....	\$ 3.10	
M. E. O'Brien & Sons .....	.47	
Richco Products Inc. ....	9.80	
A. L. Avery & Sons .....	51.43	
Forbes, Snyder, Inc. ....	11.00	
Earl Maynard .....	5.40	
Grays .....	78.30	
Ben Franklin Stores .....	2.70	
Standard Duplicating Machine Co. ....	218.00	
L. C. Smith Co. ....	97.50	
E. J. Mahar .....	90.00	
Milton Bradley .....	34.65	
Miller Paper Company .....	113.70	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 716.05

Health :

Baker Pharmacy .....	\$ 22.49	
Samuel Galbo .....	200.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 222.49

Transportation :

Leon Turner .....	\$ 2,796.00	
Arthur Gingras .....	2,627.50	
W. D. Pierson .....	2,448.00	
Roy Hicks .....	870.00	
Irvin Harris .....	696.00	
Allen Coates .....	609.00	
Harold Burt .....	434.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 10,480.50

Vocational Transportation :

Mrs. Archie Taylor .....	\$ 154.00	
Mrs. Clara Burdick .....	90.00	
Mr. James Brant .....	151.00	
Mrs. Earl Maynard .....	21.00	
Mrs. Paul Palmer .....	53.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 469.00

Tuition :

Town of Greenfield .....	\$ 470.90	
Town of Shelburne .....	608.57	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 1,079.47

New Equipment :

Herman Harris .....	\$ 6.10	
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S. G. Gould .....	9.07	
D. A. Lanoue .....	17.17	
Burroughs .....	238.50	
Albert Davenport .....	95.00	
Lamson & Goodnow .....	65.48	
Welch Manufacturing Company .....	244.44	
Merle Clark .....	12.00	
Ann Bond .....	28.89	
		\$ 716.65

Sundries :

Charlemont School Cafeteria .....	\$ 100.00	
Charlemont High Athletic Fund .....	650.00	
Miller Paper Company .....	65.97	
Milton Bradley Company .....	12.80	
		\$ 828.77

**RECAPITULATION WITH ESTIMATE FOR 1954**

	<i>Expenditures</i> 1952	<i>Expenditures</i> 1953	<i>Needed for</i> 1954
General Control	\$ 4,095.45	\$ 4,088.85	\$ 4,250.00
Instruction :			
Teachers' Salaries	24,274.22	25,913.59	26,197.00
Textbooks	885.98	1,016.25	900.00
Supplies	1,318.11	973.78	700.00
Operation :			
Janitor Service	2,310.00	2,280.00	2,350.00
Fuel	765.10	840.53	800.00
Miscellaneous	1,058.50	1,480.52	1,000.00
Maintenance :			
Repairs and Replacements	2,016.44	716.05	1,000.00
Outlay :			
New Equipment	108.15	716.65	200.00
Other Agencies :			
Health	291.55	222.49	225.00
Transportation	11,009.91	10,480.50	11,500.00
Tuition	871.94	128.23	260.00
Sundries	769.55	828.77	950.00
Vocational Tuition and Transportation		1,420.24	2,100.00
	\$ 49,774.90	\$ 51,106.45	\$ 52,432.00

## REIMBURSEMENTS — APPROXIMATE

Budget for 1954	\$ 52,432.00
Reimbursements:	
Aid According To Chapter 70	\$ 9,733.31
Transportation	10,825.00
Supt. Travel & Salary	2,053.33
Tuition for out-of-town students (approx.)	4,807.00
Vocational Tuition and Trans.	1,150.00
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	\$ 28,568.64
Net Cost to Town for School — 1954 (approx.)	\$ 23,863.36

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## CREDITS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

### RECEIPTS A/C SCHOOLS

Regular Appropriation .....	\$ 53,762.00
Amount of Appropriation Expended .....	51,106.45
Amount of Appropriation Unexpended	<hr/>
	\$ 2,655.55
Reimbursements:	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Chapter 70 — General Aid .....	\$ 9,733.31
Transportation .....	10,204.74
Superintendent of Schools .....	2,053.33
Vocational Trans. and Tuition .....	311.38
Tuition:	
Hawley .....	1,260.00
Heath .....	1,080.00
Rowe .....	1,115.00
Other Pupils .....	251.80
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	\$ 26,009.56

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## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Amount Expended for Appropriation .....	\$ 51,106.45
Total Receipts from sources other than local tax .....	26,009.56
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Net cost to Town for support of School .....	\$ 25,096.89

# Report of the School And District Nurse

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This past year the activities of the district nurse for the towns of Charlemont, Hawley, Heath and Rowe were continued with a generalized public health program — making school and home visits of a wide variety, to help folks keep well and to care for those who were sick.

As the result of the school physical examination by Dr. Samuel J. Galbo, school physician, one outstanding defect was dental caries, noted in many of the children. For good dental health there is a need for personal care, professional care and an adequate diet. A large number of children also had weak arches. Shoes that give good support to the feet will greatly prevent this marked defect.

A T.B. patch test was given to all pupils of the first and third years of the High School, to learn if any had been exposed to Tuberculosis. All were negative.

It is gratifying to know that in the vision tests given in all the schools this fall there were far less children with defective vision. This was due to the fact that about all the pupils with poor vision last spring were checked by an eye specialist. Many new glasses appeared which meant relief from eye strain.

In all the schools hearing tests were given by Mrs. Beda Langevin. Marked hearing loss was found in one child from Charlemont, 2 from Hawley and 2 from Rowe. Highly specialized in this work and with a sensitive machine, she is able to easily discover early cases of defective hearing. We are indeed fortunate to have her test in this school union. Her lip reading classes do benefit greatly children who do not hear the soft sounds that normal ears pick up. The largest group of children we have ever had are attending her speech classes. The majority are from the lower grades. This is corrective work, in cases of faulty pronunciation of sounds or to help in cases of physical impairment.

The children are weighed and measured spring and fall. Home visits are made to those not making the average gain. How the pupils at the Pudding Hollow school in Hawley gained! The supplementary school lunch program that the mothers so kindly arranged certainly was a great benefit to the health of every child. A continuation of this program is urgently needed.

All workers in the Charlemont school lunch room have had a chest x-ray and all were negative to Tuberculosis.

A modified Red Cross Home Nursing course was given to the senior high school girls last spring. They learned useful ways of caring for the sick in the home.

The children in the schools were occasionally checked for cleanliness and care of the teeth, hoping to encourage them to have good personal hygiene. Dental films are shown as a part of our health educational program.

The annual Well Child Conferences were held in August. Dr. Merritt B. Low was the examining physician. Mrs. George Coombs gave helpful suggestions to the mothers in nutrition. Mrs. Robert McIntosh and Mrs. Arthur Flynn, dental hygienists, examined the children's teeth and discussed the value of dental attention. We were pleased to have a very large attendance. The conference was held 3 days in Charlemont with 74 attending — Hawley, one day, attendance 29; Heath, one day, attendance 28 and Rowe, one day, with 26 attending. Next year we plan for more conference days as this year the daily quota was a bit too high.

The purpose of a Well Child Conference is to "keep the well child well and to promote his best state of health now and for the future." The children all had a fine physical examination. The physician's conference with the mother included all aspects of the child's health and any abnormal conditions were to be referred to the family doctor for care.

Visits were made to new borns, infant and preschool children to be of help to the mother in maintaining good health of the child.

The children had a wonderful time at the Greenfield Health Camp last July. Three went from Charlemont and one each from Hawley, Heath and Rowe. Everything here is carefully planned to give better health to a child who may be a bit under par — good food, extra rest and a happy time.

Under the dental clinic, during the past year dental service was given to 13 children who were greatly in need of dental care. This service included a total of 50 fillings, 23 extractions and 27 x-rays.

### TOTAL VISITS TO THE TOWNS

CHARLEMONT		HEATH	
School .....	174	School .....	29
School Home .....	72	School Home .....	18
Nursing .....	303	Nursing .....	20
New Born .....	13	New Born .....	3
Delivery .....	2	Delivery .....	0
Infant .....	40	Infant .....	8
Preschool .....	106	Preschool .....	24
Prenatal .....	24	Prenatal .....	5
Postnatal .....	5	Postnatal .....	3

Adult Health .....	41
Other .....	27
Not in .....	27
Total .....	834

Adult Health .....	5
Other .....	3
Not in .....	2
Total .....	120

HAWLEY

School .....	57
School Home .....	25
Nursing .....	20
New Born .....	5
Delivery .....	0
Infant .....	8
Preschool .....	34
Prenatal .....	4
Postnatal .....	2
Adult Health .....	2
Other .....	6
Not in .....	4
Total .....	167

ROWE

School .....	30
School Home .....	23
Nursing .....	97
New Born .....	3
Delivery .....	0
Infant .....	11
Preschool .....	23
Prenatal .....	1
Postnatal .....	1
Adult Health .....	9
Other .....	5
Not in .....	1
Total .....	204

To the following organizations we are deeply grateful for contributions that help promote the work of the Health District:

- Charlemont Lions Club — \$75.00 for the Dental Fund
- Charlemont Lions Club — \$40.00 for children's glasses
- Charlemont Lions Club — New hospital bed and mattress
- Women's Missionary Society of Federated Church — \$5.00 for a needy family
- American Legion Auxiliary — \$5.00 for a needy family
- Heath Ladies' Aid — \$18.50 for the Dental Fund

In this varied program, I do appreciate the ever willing co-operation of the other folks in the community. So, may I, at this time, thank them all — the Committee of the Western Franklin Public Health District, the Superintendent of Schools, the Principal, the Teachers, the Well Child Conference workers and the many townspeople for the service they have given.

Respectfully submitted,  
 DOROTHY MOREHOUSE, R.N.  
 District Nurse



# Report of the Western Franklin Public Health District

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The year 1953 has been a pleasant one due to the faithful attendance and cooperation of the members of the four towns.

We have distributed Vitamin A and D capsules again this year at replacement costs.

Several children from the four towns have had dental work done. A Well Child Clinic was held in each of the towns.

We wish to thank the various organizations for their generous gifts.

We also wish to thank Miss Dorothy Morehouse for her effort in making the district a success.

Following is our budget for 1954.

## 1954 BUDGET

Nurse salary .....	\$ 3,140.00	
Mileage .....	650.00	
Supplies .....	100.00	
Telephone .....	100.00	
Miscellaneous .....	200.00	
Rent .....	300.00	
Treasurer salary .....	75.00	
Dental work .....	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,765.00
From cash in the treasury .....		1,085.00
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To be raised from the towns .....		\$ 3,680.00

## TOWN'S SHARE

Charlemont	53%	\$ 1,950.40
Hawley	15%	552.00
Heath	19%	699.20
Rowe	13%	478.40
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		\$ 3,680.00

Respectfully submitted,  
J. HENRY STANFORD  
Chairman

## REPORT OF TREASURER

### Receipts:

Balance January 1, 1953 .....	\$	1,714.34
Town of Charlemont .....	\$	1,950.40
Town of Heath .....		699.20
Town of Hawley .....		552.00
Town of Rowe .....		478.40
	-----	\$ 3,680.00
Nurse's Fees collected .....		270.25
Withholding Tax collected .....		377.70
Capsules .....		92.50
	-----	\$ 815.15
Contributions to dental fund:		
Heath Ladies' Aid .....		18.15
Charlemont Lions Club .....		75.00
	-----	\$ 93.15
Well Child Conference expense:		
Charlemont Board of Health .....		14.22
	-----	\$ 14.22
Total Receipts .....		\$ 6,316.86

### Disbursements:

Nurse's Salary .....	\$	2,900.00
Nurse's mileage .....		526.51
Supplies and equipment .....		129.40
Office Rent for 1952 and 1953 .....		600.00
Treasurer's Bond .....		5.00
Vitamin Capsules .....		61.21
Dental program .....		307.00
Well Child dinners .....		14.22
Telephone .....		86.47
Treasurer's salary .....		50.00
Withholding Tax deducted .....		447.60
Total disbursements .....	-----	\$ 5,127.41
Balance carried forward to 1954 .....		\$ 1,189.45

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER  
Treasurer

# Report of the Western Franklin Welfare District

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The year of 1953 has been fairly free from administrative changes in the Welfare District, but we can look forward to several changes the early part of 1954, regarding a new Medical Plan for Old Age Assistance, Disability Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and applicable to General Relief. This new Medical Plan is going to bring many changes to recipient, doctor and considerable office detail work will be involved. It will necessitate our adhering to a very rigid fee schedule and authorization of same, in order to receive reimbursement from the Federal and State sources.

Our case load expense on Old Age Assistance has been high for the number due to hospitalization and deaths of recipients in several towns.

The following is a statistical analysis of the District's activities:

Number of applications taken:	new	11
	reopened	1
Number of home visits made:		219
	no one at home	4
Number of office visits:		20
Number of visits from State Area Representatives:		11
Number of days State Auditor at office:		6
Number of Welfare Association Meeting attended:		1
Number of evening Board Meetings attended:		13
Number of visits not classified as revisits: (Re: liens, Town Treasurers, Clerks, Board Members and obtaining records.)		50

## DISTRICT LOAD ANALYSIS

	Old Age Assistance	Aid to Dependent Children	Disability Assistance	TOTALS
Cases	76	4	3	89
Payments	\$59,330.29	\$2,432.25	\$2,073.35	\$65,231.54
			Cases	
			6	
			Payments	
			\$1,395.65	

## CHARLEMONT LOAD ANALYSIS

Mo.	Old Age Assistance			Aid to Dependent Children			Disability Assistance			General Relief		
	Totals	Medicals	No. Cases	Totals	Med.	No. Cases	Totals	Med.	No. Cases	Totals	Med.	No. Cases
Jan. '53*	\$ 1,063.88	\$ 149.73	34	\$ 42.50		2	\$ 31.40	\$ 5.00	1	\$ 65.00		1
Feb.	2,040.89	199.89	33-1C*	85.00		2	52.80		1	65.00		1
Mar.	2,012.62	158.36	34-1N	85.00		2	52.80		1	65.00		1
Apr.	2,872.67	909.59	36-1N, 1R	85.00		2	52.80		1	65.00		1
May	3,049.92	1,122.26	35-1C	85.00		2	52.80		1	65.00		1
June	2,062.07	240.22	34-1C	85.00		2	52.80		1	65.00		1
July	2,269.65	522.95	32-2C			0-2C	52.80		1	65.00		1
Aug.	2,351.72	226.16	34-2N	43.30		1-1N	52.80		1	65.00		1
Sept.	2,089.70	153.30	33-1T	43.30	5.00	1	61.30	8.50	1	65.00		1
Oct.	2,224.57	482.77	30-2T, 1C	43.30		1	66.45	13.65	1	65.00		1
Nov.	1,906.38	272.93	28-1T, 1C	43.30		1	56.95	4.15	1	65.00		1
Dec.	1,890.70	322.50	28	43.30		1	53.95	1.15	1	65.00		1
Jan. '54*	784.10		28	21.65		1	26.40		1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,618.87</b>	<b>\$4,760.66</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>\$710.65</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$666.05</b>	<b>\$32.45</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$780.00</b>		<b>1</b>

1 Transient \$4.00 Charged to General Relief

and \$20.75 other towns

Paid to other Towns on OAA: 3 cases \$644.60

\*For 1/2 month

C: Closed Cases

N: New Cases

R: Reopened Cases

T: Transferred to other towns

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance brought forward from Dec. 31, 1952 ..	\$ 890.57	
Town Appropriation:		
Charlemont .....	622.00	
Hawley .....	169.00	
Heath .....	220.00	
Monroe .....	91.00	
Rowe .....	195.00	
Federal Grant Administration:		
District OAA .....	3,634.95	
District ADC .....	235.22	
District DA .....	116.69	
State Administration:		
District OAA .....	1,829.57	
District ADC .....	156.81	
District DA .....	77.79	
District OR .....	37.87	
Withholding Tax .....	584.40	
Franklin County Retirement .....	243.00	
Phyllis L. Heist, Agent .....	\$2,880.00	
Phyllis L. Heist, Transportation .....	198.16	
Edith B. Lynch, Jr., Clerk .....	1,980.00	
Mary E. Carpenter, Treasurer .....	50.00	
Bond for Treasurer .....	5.00	
Telephone .....	99.24	
Town of Charlemont, rent .....	300.00	
Postage, mail box rent, registered letters .....	119.56	
Office Supplies .....	92.16	
Repairs to Office Furniture .....	1.00	
Assessed share — Franklin County Retirement System .....	197.32	
Withholding Tax .....	584.40	
Franklin County Retirement .....	243.00	
Miscellaneous expenses .....	38.38	
Credit balance carried forward to Jan. 1, 1954 ..	1,425.08	
	\$8,213.30	\$8,213.30

Respectfully submitted,  
**PHYLLIS L. HEIST**  
 Agent

I hereby certify the foregoing report to be a true statement of the financial transactions of the Western Franklin Welfare District for the year 1953.

Respectfully submitted,  
**MARY L. CARPENTER**  
 Treasurer



# Town of Charlemont — Balance Sheet

DECEMBER 31, 1953

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves
Cash:		
Accounts Receivable:	\$ 56,348.85	Employees' Payroll Deductions: \$ 1.50
Taxes:		Federal Taxes
Levy of 1948:		Agency:
Poll	\$ 6.00	Collector's Fees \$ 23.45
Personal Property	12.65	Trust Fund Income:
	—————\$ 18.65	Leonard School Fund \$ 413.14
Levy of 1949:		Federal Grants:
Poll	\$ 6.00	Disability Assistance-Assistance \$ 100.77
Personal Property	5.12	Aid to Dependent Children - Aid 47.27
	—————\$ 11.12	Old Age Assistance - Assistance 3,024.63
Levy of 1950:		
Personal Property	\$ 6.00	Revolving Funds:
Levy of 1951:		School Lunch \$ 196.94
Poll	\$ 8.00	School Athletics 89.04
Real Estate	57.80	
	—————\$ 65.80	Appropriation Balances: \$ 500.00
		Civilian Defense

Levy of 1952:			
Poll	\$ 26.00		\$ 12,706.02
Personal Property	85.28		\$ 3,902.16
Real Estate	791.82		
	—————\$	903.10	
Levy of 1953:			
Poll	\$ 36.00		\$ 18.65
Personal Property	456.80		11.12
Real Estate	3,690.58		6.00
	—————\$	4,183.38	65.80
			903.10
			1,672.54
			—————\$ 2,677.21
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:			
Levy of 1951	\$ 76.37		
Levy of 1952	184.71		
Levy of 1953	2,051.52		
	—————\$	2,312.60	
Departmental:			
Aid to Dependent Children	\$ 44.96		
Veterans' Service Schools	40.82		
	237.00		
	—————\$	322.78	
Aid to Highways:			
State	\$ 10,574.50		
County	4,000.00		
	—————\$	14,574.50	
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:			
Road Machinery Earnings			\$ 12,706.02
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus			\$ 3,902.16
Overlays Reserved for Abatement:			
Levy of 1948			\$ 18.65
Levy of 1949			11.12
Levy of 1950			6.00
Levy of 1951			65.80
Levy of 1952			903.10
Levy of 1953			1,672.54
			—————\$ 2,677.21
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:			
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Departmental	\$ 2,312.60		
	322.78		
	14,574.50		
	—————\$	17,209.88	
Surplus Revenue			\$ 38,296.63

Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts :

State Parks & Reservations	\$ 40.73
County Tax	401.13
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	\$ 441.86
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	\$ 79,188.64

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\$ 79,188.64

**DEBT ACCOUNTS**

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		
Inside Debt Limit	\$ 1,000.00	
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	\$ 1,000.00	
Serial Loan:		
Inside Debt Limit:		\$ 1,000.00
Deerfield River Bridge Loan		<hr/>
		\$ 1,000.00

**TRUST ACCOUNTS**

Trust Funds:		
Cash and Securities:		
In Custody of Town		\$ 2,869.00
Treasurer		1,000.00
In Custody of First National	\$ 13,744.70	1,000.00
Bank & Trust Co., Greenfield		6,199.10
		1,000.00
		1,676.60
		6,087.52
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		\$ 19,832.22

The foregoing balance sheet was prepared by the State Auditors, who have made the usual annual audit for the year 1953.

# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT, 1953

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## RECEIPTS

General Cash in Treasury, January 1, 1953 . . . . .	\$ 60,793.24
County Treasurer Dog License Refund . . . . .	253.72
Town Clerk, Dog Licenses . . . . .	302.00
Fred W. Hawkes, Library Fund Interest . . . . .	20.10
Maxwell, Library Fund Interest . . . . .	30.23
Mrs. Tanner, Book Sale . . . . .	2.45
Mrs. Tanner, Library Fines . . . . .	6.17
Tyler Memorial Home Income . . . . .	180.00
Tyler Memorial Fund Interest . . . . .	206.26
S. W. Hawkes, Cemetery Fund, care of lot . . . . .	3.00
F. M. Legate, Cemetery Fund, care of lot . . . . .	4.00
Potter, Cemetery Fund Interest . . . . .	30.23
L. W. Sears, Cemetery Fund Interest . . . . .	15.11
M. Mantor, J. Lyman, Cemetery Fund Interest . . . . .	15.11
Stanton Kendrick, Sealer's Fees . . . . .	39.50
County of Franklin refund on Bob Cats . . . . .	20.00
District Court Fines . . . . .	5.00
Grace Whitford, School Desks . . . . .	4.00
Leon Turner, Sales Record Book of Fire Arms . . . . .	.75
Land for Regional School . . . . .	1.00
Mohawk Trail Association . . . . .	75.00
Advertisements in Newspaper . . . . .	20.00
Town Hall Rent . . . . .	1,300.00
Western Franklin Welfare District Postage . . . . .	21.60
Fire Department Receipts . . . . .	45.00
All Alcoholic Licenses . . . . .	1,500.00
All Alcoholic Seasonal Licenses . . . . .	700.00
Wine and Malt Package Store License . . . . .	100.00
Club License . . . . .	250.00
All other Licenses and Permits . . . . .	183.50
State Treasurer, Reimbursement for lost taxes . . . . .	826.89
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax . . . . .	3,622.83
State Treasurer, O.A.A. Meal Tax . . . . .	578.96
State Treasurer, Live Stock disease control . . . . .	37.50
State Treasurer, Veterans' Services . . . . .	867.60
State Treasurer, Income Tax . . . . .	14,054.60
Post War Fund withdrawal from Shelburne Falls Bank . . . . .	6,129.89
Post War Fund withdrawal from Franklin Co.	

Trust .....	6,070.10
County of Franklin Retirement .....	750.02
Withholding Tax .....	5,339.71
	<hr/> \$104,405.07

### HIGHWAYS

State Treasurer, Chapter 81 .....	\$ 10,994.64
State Treasurer, Chapter 90 .....	16,500.00
State Treasurer, Chapter 90 South River Rd. ....	4,000.00
County Treasurer, Chapter 90 South River Rd. ....	2,000.00
Machinery Earnings .....	8,120.67
	<hr/> \$ 41,615.31

### TAXES

1948 Poll .....	\$ 2.00
1948 Personal .....	10.18
1949 Poll .....	2.00
1949 Personal .....	4.80
1949 Motor Excise .....	11.15
1950 Poll .....	2.00
1950 Personal .....	11.20
1950 Motor Excise .....	3.09
1951 Poll .....	8.00
1951 Personal .....	103.60
1951 Real Estate .....	309.91
1951 Motor Excise .....	33.99
1952 Poll .....	44.00
1952 Personal .....	372.90
1952 Real Estate .....	2,464.01
1952 Motor Excise .....	773.22
1953 Poll .....	408.00
1953 Personal .....	6,469.26
1953 Real Estate .....	46,295.52
1953 Motor Excise .....	5,620.00
Demands .....	23.45
Interest .....	112.68
	<hr/> \$ 63,084.96

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer, O.A.A. Federal .....	\$ 11,778.10
State Treasurer, O.A.A. State .....	11,039.32
State Treasurer, A.D.C. Federal .....	475.70
State Treasurer, A.D.C. State .....	315.26
State Treas. Disability Assistance, Federal ...	455.93
State Treas, Disability Assistance, State .....	120.06
Town of Shelburne, O.A.A. ....	92.62
Town of Buckland, O.A.A. ....	96.87
Town of South Deerfield, O.A.A. ....	88.73



O.A.A. Refunds .....	169.11	
O.A.A. Recovery .....	1,411.90	
		\$ 26,043.60

### SCHOOLS

State Treasurer, H.S. Transportation .....	\$ 9,163.96	
Stephen Leonard School Fund Interest .....	68.32	
Town of Rowe, Tuition .....	1,115.00	
Town of Heath, Tuition .....	1,080.00	
Town of Hawley, Tuition .....	1,260.00	
Perry Bracket, Tuition .....	26.65	
School Lunch Cafeteria Funds .....	5,496.96	
High School Athletic Funds .....	914.20	
School Department, Refunds .....	45.87	
		\$ 19,170.96

### INTEREST

Post War Rehabilitation Fund, Interest .....	\$ 121.99	
Savings Bank Account A. Interest .....	123.76	
Savings Bank Account B. Interest .....	69.57	
		\$ 315.32
		\$254,635.22

### PAYMENTS

Selectmen's Warrants .....	\$140,627.44	
School Department Warrants .....	51,106.45	
School Cafeteria Warrants .....	5,557.83	
School Athletic Warrants .....	994.65	
General Cash in Treasury December 31, 1953 ..	56,348.85	
		\$254,635.22

Respectfully submitted,  
**MARY L. CARPENTER**  
Treasurer

### TOWN FUNDS HELD BY TREASURER

December 31, 1953

Fred W. Hawkes Library Fund .....	\$ 1,000.00
Maxwell Library Fund .....	1,000.00
F. L. Tyler Memorial Library Income Fund ..	2,799.10
Stephen Leonard School Fund .....	2,869.00
Potter Cemetery Fund .....	1,000.00
Jennie Z. and Lewis Sears Cemetery Fund ...	500.00
Moses Mantor and Josiah Lyman Cemetery Fund	500.00
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund .....	278.33
Frank M. Legate Cemetery Fund .....	216.18

Philemon Rice Cemetery Fund ..... 182.09

Respectfully submitted,  
MARY L. CARPENTER  
Treasurer

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# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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1948 Taxes Uncollected:		
Polls .....	\$ 6.00	
Personal Property .....	12.65	
	<hr/>	\$ 18.65
1949 Taxes Uncollected:		
Polls .....	\$ 6.00	
Personal Property .....	5.12	
	<hr/>	\$ 11.12
1950 Taxes Uncollected:		
Personal Property .....	\$ 6.00	
1951 Taxes Uncollected:		
Polls .....	\$ 8.00	
Real Estate .....	57.80	
Motor Excise .....	76.37	
	<hr/>	\$ 142.17
1952 Taxes Uncollected:		
Polls .....	\$ 26.00	
Personal Property .....	85.28	
Real Estate .....	791.82	
Motor Excise .....	184.71	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,087.81
1953 Taxes Uncollected:		
Polls .....	\$ 38.00	
Personal Property .....	456.80	
Real Estate .....	3,632.63	
Motor Excise .....	1,936.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,064.23

Due to commitments of a large amount of 1953 Motor Excise, after Dec. 14, 1953 the amount listed as uncollected is abnormal.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROGER W. WILLIS

# TOWN EXPENDITURES

## CHAPTER 81

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 2,350.00	
State Contract .....	12,925.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 1,390.50
Labor Payroll .....		4,987.65
Town Equipment .....		2,748.31
Hired Equipment .....		2,308.00
Gravel, Grit and Stone .....		1,082.84
Culverts .....		891.90
Tar .....		1,303.47
Creosote, Cement and Chloride .....		532.45
Miscellaneous Materials .....		29.88
	<u>\$ 15,275.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,275.00</u>

## CHAPTER 90, Construction, South River Road

Balance carried over from 1952 .....	\$ 5,650.83	
Town Appropriation .....	2,000.00	
State Contract .....	4,000.00	
County Contract .....	2,000.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 831.00
Labor Payroll .....		3,217.45
Town Equipment .....		1,859.70
Hired Equipment .....		5,443.30
Culverts .....		169.03
Lumber and Nails .....		31.88
Cement .....		75.00
Stone and Gravel .....		179.06
Dynamite Caps .....		720.08
Insurance Protection .....		570.00
Boston & Maine Railroad .....		554.33
	<u>\$ 13,650.83</u>	<u>\$ 13,650.83</u>

## CHAPTER 90, Construction, North River Road

State Contract, balance from 1952 .....	\$ 3,383.87	
Superintendent .....		\$ 183.00

Labor Payroll .....	708.05	
Town Equipment .....	310.30	
Hired Equipment .....	116.30	
Tar .....	2,050.26	
Miscellaneous Materials .....	15.96	
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	\$ 3,383.87	\$ 3,383.87

**CHAPTER 90, Maintenance**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 2,000.00	
State Contract .....	2,000.00	
County Contract .....	2,000.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 286.50
Labor Payroll .....		1,436.20
Town Equipment .....		841.68
Hired Equipment .....		356.50
Stone and Gravel .....		906.44
Tar .....		2,021.00
Miscellaneous Materials .....		151.68
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	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00

**BRIDGE REPAIR, GUARD RAIL AND STREET SIGNS**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 700.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 60.00
Labor Payroll .....		229.20
Town Equipment .....		27.40
Hired Equipment .....		8.00
Lumber .....		35.40
Peter Myal — Signs .....		135.00
Culverts .....		150.00
Cedar Posts .....		55.00
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	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00

**MACHINERY — NEW EQUIPMENT**

Town Appropriation, from free cash .....	\$ 4,000.00	
International Truck, Harold B. Allen, Inc. ....		\$ 3,999.36
Credit Balance .....		.64
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	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

**SNOW, ROADS AND BRIDGES**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 6,000.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 691.50

Labor Payroll .....		2,606.05
Town Equipment .....		1,602.40
Salt .....		335.90
Sand .....		750.00
Miscellaneous .....		12.00
Credit Balance .....		2.15
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	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00

### MACHINERY

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 5,500.00	
Northern Berkshire Electric Company .....		\$ 12.60
Superintendent .....		61.00
Labor Payroll .....		90.10
Christine Turner — rent .....		300.00
Gasoline .....		1,355.47
Oil .....		122.87
Diesel Oil .....		29.80
Lubrication .....		76.00
Miscellaneous Repairs .....		1,348.33
Miscellaneous Parts and Supplies .....		1,324.40
Registration Fees .....		30.00
Tires and Tubes .....		180.39
Chain Saw .....		360.00
Miscellaneous .....		2.06
Credit Balance .....		206.98
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	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 800.00	
Federal Grant balance brought forward		
from 1952 .....	111.42	
Federal Grants for 1953 .....	475.70	
3 Cases .....		\$ 710.65
Credit balance Town Appropriation .....		629.20
Federal Grant balance carried forward to		
January 1, 1954 .....		47.27
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	\$ 1,387.12	\$ 1,387.12

### DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 600.00
Federal Grant balance brought forward	
from 1952 .....	116.44



Federal Grants for 1953 .....	455.93	
1 Case .....		\$ 666.05
Credit balance Town Appropriation .....		405.55
Federal Grant balance carried forward to January 1, 1954 .....		100.77
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	\$ 1,172.37	\$ 1,172.37

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 15,000.00	
Federal Grant balance brought forward from 1952 .....	2,720.61	
Federal Grants for 1953 .....	11,778.10	
Refund credit to Federal Grant .....	710.63	
1 Cancelled check to Federal Grant .....	2.00	
2 Cancelled checks to Town Appropriation .....	161.11	
Refund credit to Town Appropriation .....	6.00	
38 Cases .....		\$ 27,263.47
Credit balance Town Appropriation .....		90.35
Federal Grant balance carried forward to January 1, 1954 .....		3,024.63
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	\$ 30,378.45	\$ 30,378.45

### WELFARE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,000.00	
1 Case .....		\$ 780.00
1 Transient .....		4.00
City of North Adams .....		20.75
Credit balance Town Appropriation .....		195.25
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	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

### VETERAN'S BENEFITS

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,400.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	140.00	
3 Cases .....		\$ 1,527.14
Credit Balance .....		12.86
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	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 1,540.00

### WESTERN FRANKLIN WELFARE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 622.00	
Western Franklin Welfare District .....		\$ 622.00
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	\$ 622.00	\$ 622.00



Salary of two Assessors .....	500.00	
Salary of Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	75.00	
Salary of Fire Chief .....	100.00	
Salary of Chief of Police .....	15.00	
Inspection of Animals .....	75.00	
Inspection of Slaughtering .....	38.59	
Dog Officer .....	15.00	
Constable — Posting of Warrants .....	6.00	
Moderator .....	10.00	
Salary of Town Historian .....	600.00	
Special Police .....	5.25	
Ballot Clerks and Tellers .....	48.00	
Office Clerk - Beda A. Langevin .....	161.00	
Credit Balance .....	101.16	
	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,600.00

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,500.00	
Appropriation from available funds .....	3,500.00	
Northern Berkshire Electric Company .....		\$ 19.80
Charlemont Oil Company .....		223.03
Labor Payroll .....		260.25
Insurance on Firemen .....		96.25
Equipment .....		269.22
New Equipment .....		3,430.96
Repairs .....		256.60
Parts and Supplies .....		64.64
Tires and Tubes .....		51.62
Tri-State Mutual Aid Membership .....		10.00
Boiler Inspection .....		10.00
Painting Firehouse .....		256.30
Credit Balance .....		51.33
	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,600.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	100.00	
Selectmen's Expense .....		\$ 157.76
Town Clerk's Expense .....		32.77
Town Treasurer's Expense .....		103.55
Assessors' Expense .....		101.13
Tax Collector's Expense .....		165.33

Sheriff's Expense .....	27.63	
Sealer's Expense .....	7.63	
Recorder Gazette .....	29.50	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....	89.65	
Office Expense .....	7.55	
Frank J. Wells — Water Rent .....	35.00	
Avis Churchill — Water Rent .....	6.00	
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett — Legal Fees .....	170.00	
National Shawmut Bank of Boston — Postage .....	.72	
Printing Ballots .....	31.50	
Printing Town Reports .....	615.75	
Christmas Tree .....	11.04	
Janitor's Expense .....	1.64	
Photographs for Town Report .....	23.00	
Greenfield 200th Anniversary Parade Float .....	68.40	
Credit Balance .....	14.45	
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	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00

**RESERVE FUND**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 2,000.00	
Bonding Town Officers .....		\$ 36.50
Miscellaneous .....		100.00
Workmen's Compensation .....		510.56
Veteran's Benefits .....		140.00
Christmas Fund .....		35.00
Credit Balance .....		1,177.94
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	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

**GYPSY MOTH AND DUTCH ELM SUPPRESSION**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 300.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 57.00
Labor Payroll .....		39.60
Aero Crop Service .....		198.45
Creosote .....		3.00
Credit Balance .....		1.95
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	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00

**EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 437.32	
Franklin County Retirement System .....		\$ 437.32
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	\$ 437.32	\$ 437.32

### FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 15.00		
Credit Balance .....		\$	15.00
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	\$ 15.00	\$	15.00

### LIBRARY

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 500.00		
Librarian's Salary — Mrs. Homer Tanner .....		\$	250.00
The Personal Book Shop .....			170.00
H. R. Huntting Co. ....			2.25
Town of Hawley .....			8.00
Gaylord Brothers, Inc. ....			12.95
Moore-Cottrell Subscription Agencies .....			34.00
Blanche Hunt .....			4.00
Supplies .....			3.00
Credit Balance .....			15.80
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	\$ 500.00	\$	500.00

### TYLER LIBRARY

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 180.00		
Credit Balance .....		\$	180.00
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	\$ 180.00	\$	180.00

### INTEREST ON LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

From Maxwell Library Fund .....	\$ 30.23		
From Fred W. Hawkes Fund .....	20.10		
The Personal Book Shop .....		\$	50.33
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	\$ 50.33	\$	50.33

### TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

Deposit in Savings Account for 1952 .....		\$	312.17
Deposit in Savings Account for 1953 .....			386.26
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		\$	698.43

### STREET LIGHTS

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,140.00		
Northern Berkshire Electric Co. ....		\$	1,140.00
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	\$ 1,140.00	\$	1,140.00



### TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 530.28		
Beda A. Langevin Insurance Agency .....		\$	530.28
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	\$ 530.28	\$	530.28

### LIABILITY INSURANCE ON TOWN VEHICLES

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 289.76		
Halligan & Warner Agency .....		\$	289.76
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	\$ 289.76	\$	289.76

### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 600.00		
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	510.56		
H. A. Hicks Insurance Agency .....		\$	1,110.56
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	\$ 1,110.56	\$	1,110.56

### BONDING TOWN OFFICERS

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 138.75		
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	36.50		
H. A. Hicks Insurance Agency .....		\$	175.25
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	\$ 175.25	\$	175.25

### LEGION ROOMS

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 360.00		
D. A. Lanoue — rent .....		\$	360.00
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	\$ 360.00	\$	360.00

### MOHAWK TRAIL ASSOCIATION — ADVERTISING

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 75.00		
H. Wesson Co. ....		\$	75.00
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	\$ 75.00	\$	75.00

### MEMORIAL DAY

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 250.00		
Sanderson Academy Band .....		\$	75.00
Speaker .....			35.00
Flags and Wreaths .....			77.00

Refreshments .....		15.66
Credit Balance .....		47.34
	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00

**CHRISTMAS FUND**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 100.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....	35.00	
Cariddi Sales Company .....		\$ 131.08
Credit Balance .....		3.92
	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00

**WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER**

Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center .....	\$ 308.00
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**RED CROSS SWIMMING CLASSES**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 150.00	
Earl B. Barrett .....		\$ 150.00
	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00

**EAST CHARLEMONT SCHOOL**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 150.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 12.00
Labor Payroll .....		37.60
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc. ....		60.50
Credit Balance .....		39.90
	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00

**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 19,750.00	
Hawlemont Regional School District .....		\$ 19,750.00
	\$ 19,750.00	\$ 19,750.00

**OLD CEMETERIES**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 35.00	
Labor Payroll .....		\$ 17.00
Leavitt Cemetery Association .....		12.00
Credit Balance .....		6.00
	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00

### CEMETERY FUNDS

Treasurer, Leavitt Cemetery .....	\$	7.00	
Treasurer, Village Cemetery .....		60.45	
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	\$	67.45	

### BRIDGE NOTE AND INTEREST

Town Appropriation .....	\$	1,020.00	
National Shawmut Bank of Boston .....			\$ 1,020.00
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	\$	1,020.00	\$ 1,020.00

### FAIRGROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$	100.00	
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc. ....			\$ 28.00
F. W. Warner .....			4.29
Machinery .....			60.00
Credit Balance .....			7.71
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	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00

### WITHHOLDING TAX

Collector of Internal Revenue .....	\$	5,336.81
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### FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT FUND

Franklin County Retirement System .....	\$	750.01
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### STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

State Treasurer, Parks and Reservations .....	\$	125.98	
State Treasurer, Auditing Town Accounts .....		553.44	
County Treasurer, Dog Licenses .....		306.80	
County Treasurer, County Tax .....		4,574.88	
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	\$	5,561.10	

### WILDCAT BOUNTY

2 Bounties .....	\$	20.00
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### MOTOR EXCISE REFUNDS

3 Refunds for 1952 Tax .....	\$	8.44	
17 Refunds for 1953 Tax .....		123.67	
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	\$	132.11	

## REAL ESTATE REFUNDS

Refunds for 1952 Tax .....	\$	107.21
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## CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Town Appropriation, carried forward from 1952 ...\$	500.00	
Credit Balance, carried forward to 1954 .....		\$ 500.00
	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

## RECAPITULATION

Snow, Roads and Bridges .....	\$ 5,997.85
Chapter 81 .....	15,275.00
Chapter 90, South River Road .....	13,650.83
Chapter 90, North River Road .....	3,383.87
Chapter 90, Maintenance .....	6,000.00
Machinery — New Equipment .....	3,999.36
Machinery .....	5,293.02
Bridge Repairs and Guard Rail & Street Signs .....	700.00
Fairgrounds Maintenance .....	92.29
Welfare .....	804.75
Veterans' Benefits .....	1,527.14
Disability Assistance .....	666.05
Old Age Assistance .....	27,263.47
Aid to Dependent Children .....	710.65
Western Franklin Welfare District Adm. ....	622.00
Board of Health .....	211.71
Western Franklin Public Health District .....	1,950.40
Town Hall .....	1,598.03
Town Hall — Redecoration .....	348.25
Officers' Salaries .....	4,498.84
Fire Department .....	4,948.67
Street Lights .....	1,140.00
Legion Rooms .....	360.00
Employees Retirement Fund .....	437.32
Library .....	534.53
Town Property Insurance .....	530.28
Liability Insurance on Town Vehicles .....	289.76
Workmen's Compensation Insurance .....	1,110.56
Bonding Town Officers .....	175.25
Bridge Note and Interest .....	1,020.00
Gypsy Moth and Dutch Elm Suppression .....	298.05
Memorial Day .....	202.66
Christmas Fund .....	131.08

Old Cemeteries .....	29.00
Swimming Classes — Red Cross .....	150.00
Mohawk Trail Association .....	75.00
East Charlemont School .....	110.10
School Construction — Hawlemont Regional School District .....	19,750.00
Miscellaneous .....	1,685.55
Withholding Tax .....	5,336.81
Franklin County Retirement Fund .....	750.01
Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center .....	308.00
Cemetery Funds .....	67.45
State and County Taxes .....	5,561.10
Motor Excise Refunds .....	132.11
Real Estate Refunds .....	107.21
Wildcat Bounty .....	20.00
Tyler Memorial Library Fund .....	698.43
H. Wesson Co., Mohawk Trail Advertising .....	75.00
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	\$140,627.44



# ALLOCATION OF CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAY FUND

Road No.	Scraping	Gravel	Drainage	Brush	Surf. Treat.	Widening	Washout	Chloride	Shoulder	Slide	Totals
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1 Zoar											
2 Rowe											10.00
3 North Heath			10.00								126.00
4 Vincent	85.00			8.50				32.50			
5) Warner Hill											
6) # 1 & 2	275.00	83.00	259.10								617.10
7 Burrington	175.00		35.60	3.50							214.10
10 Center Heath											
11 Mountain	590.20	872.40	455.00	17.50		965.20		139.20			3,039.50
12 Mt. Branch	25.00										25.00
13 South Heath	55.00		5.00								60.00
14 Birch Lane	15.00										15.00
15 Mine											
16 Maxwell	302.40	50.00	87.05	7.00							446.45
17 Wood			5.00								5.00
18 Hicks	45.00	29.00	7.00	3.50							84.50
19 Legate Hill	334.40	1,287.71	615.50	17.50	1,704.73	1,018.80		63.00	20.00		5,061.64
20 Phipps			5.00								5.00
21 Laurel Lane	15.00		5.00								20.00
22 Potter	15.00		5.00								20.00
23 Tower	210.00	6.00	227.30	7.00			25.00	63.00			538.30





# MACHINERY EARNINGS TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

	<i>Sn. Rds. &amp; Brs.</i>	<i>Chap. 81</i>	<i>Chap. 90C So. River</i>	<i>Chap. 90C No. River</i>	<i>Board of Health</i>	<i>Fair Gr. Main.</i>	<i>Chap. 90M</i>	<i>Br. Rep., Gd. Rail &amp; St. Signs</i>
Truck #1 Pickup	\$ 39.40	\$ 103.81	\$ 65.70	\$ 13.30	\$	\$	\$ 25.18	\$ 1.40
Truck #2 Mack	424.50	691.50	465.00	112.50	4.50	12.00	358.50	14.50
Truck #3 Int.	466.50	522.00	447.00	69.00	4.50	12.00	183.00	2.50
Tr. 1, T-D Snow Plow	45.00							
Tr. 2, T-D Bulldozer	45.00	445.00	700.00		7.50	20.00	20.00	5.00
Tr. 3, Farmall M.	87.00	494.00		21.00			81.00	
Truck Plow #1	48.00							
Tr. Plow #3	31.00							
Tr. Plow #4	276.00	280.00	156.00	64.00	6.00	16.00		
Tr. Plow #5	17.00							
Tr. Plow #6	47.00							
Loader							119.50	
Sander #1 New	37.50	4.00		7.50			4.00	
Sander #2 Old	38.50	8.00		10.00			11.50	
Scraper		162.00		3.00			17.50	
Cement Mixer		2.00	10.00	2.00			14.00	4.00
Roller		6.00		8.00			7.50	
Chain Saw		30.00	16.00					
	<u>\$1,602.40</u>	<u>\$2,648.31</u>	<u>\$1,859.70</u>	<u>\$ 310.30</u>	<u>\$ 22.50</u>	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	<u>\$ 841.68</u>	<u>\$ 27.40</u>

## MACHINERY EARNINGS — Out of Town

	Town of Hawley	Town of Buckland	Town of Monroe	Town of Rowe	Town of Heath	Town of Leyden	Town of Colrain	W. Healy
#1 Truck	\$ 2.13	\$	\$ 9.00	\$ 6.00	\$	\$ 2.50	\$	\$
#2 Truck	27.00	16.00	30.00	40.00	21.00	19.00	39.00	
#3 Truck	27.00	16.00	36.00	20.00	23.00	21.00	40.00	
#1 Plow				2.50				
#2 Plow				2.50				
#5 Plow				2.00				
#1 Sander	4.75	2.00	7.50	5.50	5.50	5.00	9.00	
#2 Sander	9.00	2.00		8.50				
#1 Tractor				6.00				
#3 Tractor	27.00							1.50
Mixer	12.00							
Loader	22.00	16.00		22.00				
Maintainer	8.50	4.00	18.00	10.00	11.00	9.50	20.00	
Scraper								.50
	<u>\$ 139.38</u>	<u>\$ 56.00</u>	<u>\$ 100.50</u>	<u>\$ 125.00</u>	<u>\$ 60.50</u>	<u>\$ 57.00</u>	<u>\$ 108.00</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>



**EXCERPTS FROM THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**February 2, 1953**

Article 2. Voted to raise the following appropriations:

\$ 6,000.00	Snow, Roads and Bridges
1,000.00	Welfare
600.00	Disability Assistance
1,400.00	Soldier's Benefits
800.00	Aid to Dependent Children
530.28	Town Property Insurance
600.00	Workmen's Compensation Insurance
289.76	Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance
437.32	Employees Retirement Fund
1,800.00	Town Hall
1,500.00	Fire Department
250.00	Board of Health
360.00	Legion Rooms
250.00	Memorial Day
100.00	Christmas Party
138.75	Bonding Town Officers
35.00	Old Cemeteries
300.00	Gypsy Moth and Dutch Elm Disease Control
500.00	Library
2,000.00	Reserve Fund (from overlay reserve)
1,600.00	Miscellaneous
1,020.00	Bridge Note and Int. (from free cash)
622.00	Western Franklin Welfare District Administration
15.00	Finance Committee Expense
1,140.00	Street Lights
15,000.00	Old Age Assistance
4,000.00	New Equipment (from free cash)
700.00	Guard Rails, Bridge Repairs and Street Signs
150.00	Fire Department Swimming Classes
350.00	Painting Town Hall
100.00	Fairgrounds Maintenance
53,762.00	School Department

Article 3. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,350.00, and to transfer from free cash \$12,925.00 for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance and Construction.

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 and to transfer from free cash \$6,000.00 for Chapter 90 Construction on South River Road.

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 and to transfer from available funds \$4,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance.

Article 6. Voted to transfer from Road Machinery Fund \$5,500.00 to the 1953 Machinery Maintenance Account for the purchase of new equipment.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,600.00 for annual salaries of Town Officers together with such clerical help as the Selectmen may approve.

Selectmen	\$300.00 ea.
Clerk	350.00
Treasurer	650.00
Tax Collector	600.00
Two Assessors	250.00 ea.
Clerk Assessor	350.00
Sealer	75.00
Inspector of Animals	75.00
Chief of Police	15.00
Fire Chief	100.00
Dog Officer	15.00
Town Historian	600.00
Moderator	10.00

Article 8. Voted to transfer from the Tyler Library Trust Fund Income Account the sum of \$180.00 for maintenance and repair of the Tyler Library, the unexpended amount to be returned to the Tyler Library Account.

Article 9. Voted to amend the town by-laws by adding 7A and 7B to Section 7 of Chapter 111 as follows:

Section 7A. The Selectmen shall act as the Board of Public Welfare.

Section 7B. The Selectmen shall act as the Board of Health.

Article 10. Voted to appoint a Committee to work with the Tree Warden in making an investigation of the status of Dutch Elm Disease in Charlemont and preparing recommendations for dealing with the disease for submission to the Selectmen.

Article 11. Voted to amend the town by-laws by adding Section 13 to Chapter 111 as follows:

Section 13. There shall be a committee to be known as the Board of Trustees of the East Charlemont School, consisting of five members, at least two of which shall be residents of East Charlemont. The duties of this Board shall be to preserve the East Charlemont Brick School House as an historical landmark for future generations. Immediately after the effective date of this by-law the Moderator shall appoint five persons to this Board who shall serve until the Annual Meeting of 1954. At the Annual Meeting of 1954 the Moderator shall appoint five persons to this Board, one to serve for one year, one to serve for two years, one to serve for three years, one to serve for four years, and one to serve for five years. Thereafter the Moderator shall annually, at the Annual Meeting, appoint one member to this Board who shall serve for a term of five years.

Article 12. Voted the sum of \$50.00 for repairs and electric light at the East Charlemont School, said sum to be expended at the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the East Charlemont School.

Article 13. Voted the sum of \$100.00 for repairs on the East Charlemont School shed, said sum to be expended at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of providing suitable storage space for Town equipment in East Charlemont.

Article 14. In view of the establishment of a Regional School District on January 13, 1953,

Section 1. Voted to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$800.00 to the fund created for the school purposes under a vote passed on February 7, 1949 under Article 13 of the annual town meeting warrant of that date.

Section 2. Voted to rescind in its entirety the vote taken under Article 13 of the annual town meeting warrant of February 7, 1949, said vote having been passed as follows:

Voted to amend that vote cast under Article 3 of the warrant for a special Town Meeting held July 13, 1948

so that as amended said vote will read "voted to raise and appropriate \$150,000.00 for the construction of an addition to the Village School and originally equipping and furnishing said addition, and for the remodelling of the existing building. The Building Committee appointed at the Annual Town Meeting in 1948 is hereby authorized to enter contracts and do all necessary things for the completion of the work authorized by this vote.

It being the intent of this Article to restore to the sources from whence they came the amounts of money set aside for the school building purposes, and to revoke the authority granted to make a loan of \$130,000.00 for school purposes.

Section 3. Voted to establish a fund of \$19,750.00 to provide, to the extent thereof, during the year 1953, for the payment of Charlemont's share of the expenses of the Charlemont - Hawley Regional School District, or any corporate name which may be adopted by said Regional School District, said fund to be provided by the transfer to it of the sum of \$12,720.15 from the town's Post War Rehabilitation Fund so-called, and by the transfer to it of the sum of \$7,029.85 from available funds in the treasury.

Article 15. Voted to accept Section 6A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 to be spent in conjunction with the Mohawk Trail Association for the purpose of advertising the town's resources.

#### **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**MAY 26, 1953**

Article 1. Voted not to express disapproval of a loan of \$325,000.00 for school construction purposes, authorized on April 29, 1953, by the Hawlemont Regional School District Committee.

#### **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**JULY 21, 1953**

Article 1. Voted to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$3,500.00 to the Fire Department account for the purchase of equipment.



# TOWN MEETING WARRANT

FEBRUARY 1, 1954

There follows a list of the business to come before the annual meeting. It should be borne in mind that this list is a preliminary one, and that the final warrant may contain additions or alterations.

The following officers are to be elected by ballot, and for this purpose the polls will be open from 11:30 in the morning to 7:30 in the evening:

Clerk for one year  
Treasurer for one year  
Selectman for three years  
Assessor for three years  
School Committeeman for three years  
Tax Collector for one year  
Moderator for one year  
Library Trustee for three years  
Auditor for one year  
Tree Warden for one year  
Park Commissioner for three years  
Three Constables for one year

At eight o'clock in the evening the meeting will be convened to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To act on the report of the Town Officers.

Article 2. To see if the Town will raise the following appropriations, which are recommended by the Finance Committee, or take any action thereon:

\$ 6,000.00	Snow, Roads & Bridges
750.00	Welfare
350.00	Disability Assistance
500.00	Aid to Dependent Children
530.28	Town Property Insurance
1,000.00	Workmen's Compensation Insurance
297.35	Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance
14,000.00	Old Age Assistance
1,600.00	Soldiers Benefits



563.00	Welfare District Administration
500.00	Guard Rails
1,800.00	Town Hall
200.00	Painting Town Hall
1,500.00	Fire Department
250.00	Board of Health
360.00	Legion Rooms
125.00	Memorial Day
100.00	Christmas Party
117.75	Bonding Town Officers
35.00	Old Cemeteries
500.00	Library
600.00	Gypsy Moth & Dutch Elm Suppression
2,000.00	Reserve Fund (From free cash)
1,600.00	Miscellaneous
1,010.00	Bridge Note & Interest (From free cash)
1,140.00	Street Lights
300.00	Fairgrounds Maintenance
25.00	East Charlemont School Maintenance
722.36	Employees Retirement Fund
52,432.00	Schools

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,350.00 for Chapter 81 highway maintenance and construction, and appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$12,925.00 to meet the State's share of the cost of the work; or take any action thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90 highway construction on South River Road, and appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$6,000.00 to meet the State and County share of the cost of the work; or take any action thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90 highway maintenance, and appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$4,000.00 to meet the State and County share of the cost of the work; or take any action thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$8,000.00 to the 1954 Machinery Maintenance Account and for the purchase of new equipment, or take any action thereon; it being the

intent of this article to provide \$5,500.00 for machinery maintenance purposes and the purchase of small items of equipment, and to provide \$2,500.00 for the purchase of a new truck.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote the following annual salaries to the Town Officers, and will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,600.00 for the payment of the same, together with such clerical and other office help as the Selectmen may approve; or take any action thereon.

Selectmen	\$300.00 each
Clerk	350.00
Treasurer	650.00
Tax Collector	600.00
Two Assessors	250.00 each
Clerk Assessor	350.00
Sealer	75.00
Inspector of Animals	75.00
Chief of Police	15.00
Fire Chief	100.00
Dog Officer	15.00
Town Historian	600.00
Moderator	10.00

Article 8. To see whether the Town will appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be spent under direction of the Fire Department for the construction of water-holes within the Town; or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will transfer from the Tyler Library Trust Fund Income Account the sum of \$180.00 for repair and maintenance of the Tyler Library; or take any action thereon.

Article 10. To see whether the Town will vote to meet its share of the 1954 expense of the Hawlemont Regional School District by appropriating the sum of \$14,960.63 from available funds in the treasury, or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the proper authorities to take the necessary action to consolidate the Tyler Memorial Library and the Charlemont Free Town Library.

# ASSESSORS' REPORT

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The Charlemont Board of Assessors report the following valuation for 1953.

	Personal	Real
Adams, Carroll .....	\$ 86.00	
Adams, Dorothy .....		\$ 3,465.00
Adams, Glenn E. ....	1,265.00	
Adams, Glenn E. & Dorothy L. ....		6,320.00
Adams, N. Eugene & Eva M. ....		5,145.00
Adler, Carl .....	250.00	
Adler, Pearl I. ....		5,460.00
Adler, Ralph E. & Florence B. ....		300.00
Albee, John E. ....		1,300.00
Aldrich, Allie C. ....	200.00	4,525.00
Anderson, Mrs. Andres .....	100.00	1,595.00
Anderson, Mrs. Esther T. ....		540.00
Anderson, Raymond A. ....		450.00
Andrews, Warren & Irene .....		1,190.00
Angeli, Emma .....		3,420.00
Annear, Cyrus C. & Lillian W. ....		4,085.00
Anthony, Arthur J. & Casagrande, Carl V. ....		100.00
Apshaga, Bronie J. P. ....		5,660.00
Askew, Doris H. & Smith, Gene E. ....		2,345.00
Atkins, Ralph E. & Doris B. ....		1,675.00
Atkins, Ralph E. & Doris B. ....		4,165.00
Avery, A. L. & Son .....	14,200.00	
Avery, Francis W. ....	425.00	6,115.00
Avery, Francis W. ....		3,795.00
Avery, Henry L. Jr. ....		4,765.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		12,220.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		5,335.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		2,670.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		2,570.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		3,415.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		375.00
Babcock, Henry E. & Daniel H. ....		1,125.00
Ballard, David K. ....	1,960.00	
Ballard, Ruth K., Barbara, & David K. ....		7,020.00
Bannish, John E. ....		5,070.00

	Personal	Real
Barlow, Van M. ....		1,900.00
Baxter, Charles M. ....		1,510.00
Bicknell, Fred O. ....		3,575.00
Bilhoefer, John A. & Ruthetta S. ....	200.00	2,845.00
Bissland, James H. & Elsie C. ....		7,395.00
Blakeslee, Audrey L. ....	1,500.00	4,600.00
Bliss, Marion E. & Verne E., Jr. ....		2,710.00
Booth, Robert ....	50.00	280.00
Booth, William H. ....		675.00
Boston & Mainè Railroad ....		7,000.00
Boullie, William J. & Anna T. ....		2,750.00
Boullie, William J. & Anna T. ....		675.00
Boullie, William J. ....	650.00	
Bowen, Helen M. ....	1,135.00	8,715.00
Brant, James R. & Lorna D. ....		2,150.00
Breen, Roy H. ....		3,080.00
Bremer, Hugo ....	65.00	
Bremer, Ruth M. ....		4,315.00
Brown, Agnes A. ....	150.00	6,635.00
Brown, Azalea M. & Rowena J. ....	200.00	7,620.00
Brownsword, Walter A. ....		3,590.00
Brownsword, Walter A. ....		8,660.00
Brownsword, Walter W. ....	1,270.00	
Burger, Celia L. ....		1,240.00
Burnett, Arnold K. & Lucy E. ....		2,540.00
Burnett, Norman A. & Phyllis J. ....		3,175.00
Burnett, Wilbur L. ....	395.00	3,520.00
Burrington, Mrs. Anna M. ....		740.00
Burt, Harold A. & Marie ....		3,840.00
Burt, William R. ....		4,925.00
Burt, William R. & Son ....	2,050.00	
Cahill, Lillian B. ....	1,200.00	5,250.00
Callanan, Charles L. & Valida A. ....		1,155.00
Carlson, John R. ....	200.00	4,435.00
Carpenter, Mary L. ....		2,930.00
Carroll, Fred W. ....	1,100.00	
Carroll, Fred W. & Louise ....		11,220.00
Cetto, Enrico ....		3,145.00
Champlin, Ray E. & Harriet M. ....		1,700.00
Charlemont Plantation Inc. ....		3,010.00
Chisholm, Sidney M. & Thelma G. ....	1,500.00	22,850.00
Churchill, Avis M. ....		2,940.00
Churchill, Merritt H. ....		100.00
Churchill, Ruth B. ....		5,275.00

	Personal	Real
Clark, Francis J., Lawrence A. & Horace T. ....		4,510.00
Clark, Horace T. ....		6,160.00
Clark, Lawrence A. ....		4,500.00
Clark, Inez T. ....		6,285.00
Clark, Mrs. Margaret ....		625.00
Clark, Merle B. & Gladys B. ....		5,950.00
Coates, Allen M. & Sylvia B. ....		625.00
Connolly, Joseph P. ....		1,000.00
Crocker, Frederick H. & Jennie M. ....		1,615.00
Cronk, Paul B. & Irene L. ....		1,325.00
Dahmen, Doris M. G. ....		2,275.00
Dally, Aristáes K. ....	1,150.00	21,265.00
Davenport, Carlton P. ....		1,080.00
Davenport, James P. ....		375.00
Davenport, Louis A. & Ellen A. ....		3,370.00
Davenport, William A. ....		400.00
Dean, Fred E. & Blanche ....		1,300.00
Dean, Russell & Irene ....		1,785.00
DiBenedetto, Salvatore & Marion ....		240.00
Dickinson, Alice G. ....	180.00	3,365.00
Dickinson, Richard R. ....		250.00
Dickinson, Richard R. & Ethel May ....		3,370.00
Dickson, Ira R. ....	2,075.00	22,300.00
Dimick, George H. & Ella J. ....		3,625.00
Dimick, John H. ....		2,375.00
Dimick, John H. & Eva M. ....		2,270.00
Dimick, John H. & Eva M. ....		2,450.00
Dion, Jennie M. & Donald G. ....		1,100.00
Dumas, Philorum A. L. & Mary Louise ....		4,445.00
Dunlop, Leslie R. & Marion E. ....	500.00	1,960.00
Earle, Ralph ....		940.00
Elliott, William S. ....		500.00
Ellsworth, Bernice S. ....		2,790.00
Ellsworth, Horace E. ....	600.00	160.00
Ellsworth, Horace E. & Bernice S. ....		3,910.00
Farrington, Arthur W. ....		820.00
Feder, Sidney J. & Ethel E. ....		4,445.00
Feder, Sidney J. ....	450.00	
Filandes, Maximilian P. & Katherine ....		6,775.00
Fisk, Emma W. ....		5,030.00
Fisk, Roscoe R. ....		120.00
Fitzroy, Herbert H. & Ruth M. ....		4,120.00
Foliated Talc Co. ....		200.00
Formosi, Diomedes ....	600.00	



	Personal	Real
Formosi, Mrs. Ellen Ellery .....		2,700.00
Forsberg, Harold S. ....	5,000.00	
Forsberg, Harold S. ....		9,990.00
Freiberg, Edward & Sarah .....		7,250.00
Fuller, Fred A. ....		450.00
Fusco, William et al .....		1,000.00
Galvin, Leon R. & Doris H. ....		2,460.00
Garcia, Elsie G. ....	150.00	1,440.00
Gibson, Herbert D. & Constance D. ....		2,550.00
Gilbert, Clifford J. ....		150.00
Gilbert, Fred J. & Marjorie E. ....		4,310.00
Gilbert, George J. & Aldea M. ....		4,720.00
Gilbert, Mabel H. ....		4,545.00
Gingras, Arthur .....	1,000.00	
Gingras, Arthur W. & Lillian G. ....		6,025.00
Gleason, Francis .....		455.00
Goodwin, Charles W. ....	700.00	
Goodwin, Charles W. & Katherine .....		2,440.00
Goodwin, John P. ....	1,100.00	
Gould, Grace C. ....		5,315.00
Gould, Cyril G. ....	2,500.00	
Gould, Cyril G. & Hazel M. ....		8,770.00
Graff, Edward T. & Mary F. ....		4,065.00
Gribbon, George H. & Barbara B. ....		3,105.00
Grover, Albina A. ....		4,520.00
Hall, Bernard R. & Claire H. ....		3,115.00
Hallahan, William E. ....	2,920.00	4,595.00
Halligan, Burdette I. & Mabel D. ....		3,405.00
Hamilton, Evelyn C. ....		3,390.00
Harmon, James B. ....		2,255.00
Harris, Alfred E. ....	2,070.00	
Harris, Ethel M. ....		630.00
Harris, Ethel M. & Alfred E. ....		4,610.00
Harris, Herbert R. ....	80.00	1,820.00
Harris, Herman F. ....	578.00	835.00
Harris, Herman F. & Esther G. ....		3,495.00
Harris, Nellie Est. ....		200.00
Harwood, Clarence .....		3,195.00
Hathaway, Arthur L. ....		2,850.00
Hawks, Maria Est. ....		1,630.00
Hawkes, Norman W. & Ruth S. ....		5,150.00
Healy, Allen .....		160.00
Healy, John J. ....		31,955.00
Healy, Winston .....	4,290.00	7,610.00

	Personal	Real
Heist, Claude W. ....	125.00	2,595.00
Heist, Hannah H. ....		30.00
Heist, Paul E. ....	140.00	
Heist, Paul E. & Phyllis L. ....		2,290.00
Henderson, Kenneth W. ....	250.00	
Henderson, Kenneth W. & Charlotte ....		4,260.00
Henderson, Walter A. & Lenabelle M. ....		3,850.00
Hicks, Ray C. ....	3,900.00	9,545.00
Hicks, Roy A. ....	1,555.00	
Hicks, Roy A. & Ethel M. ....		3,785.00
Hogeman, Mrs. Hazel M. ....		3,265.00
Howes, Earle K. & Leora M. ....		4,600.00
Hunkler, Harley D. ....		3,530.00
Hunkler, Lawrence ....		2,465.00
Hunkler, Rosa ....		2,180.00
Hunt, Blanche L. ....		3,365.00
Hutchinson, Milton E. & Esther T. ....		2,355.00
Hyytinen, Reine A. & Virginia B. ....		1,335.00
Johnson, Marshall A. ....	1,520.00	
Johnson, Marshall A. & Rebecca P. ....		8,160.00
Jones, Gerald D. & Walter E. ....		1,400.00
Kendrick, Stanton C. ....	1,113.00	8,435.00
Kennedy, Cecil H. ....	3,900.00	29,400.00
Kenyon, Alfred R. & Dorothy ....		3,410.00
King, Mrs. Grace ....		3,040.00
King, Mrs. Grace ....		2,115.00
Kirchleckner, Frank ....	670.00	930.00
Koonchaug Building Assn. ....		2,000.00
Langevin, Harold J. & Beda A. ....		4,525.00
Lanoué, D. Ambrose ....	600.00	11,890.00
Lanoué, D. Ambrose ....		2,585.00
Lanoué, D. Ambrose ....		1,200.00
Laramée, Lawrence L. & Eugene D. ....		1,900.00
Lee, Frank H. & Caroline ....		3,955.00
Lees, Mrs. Minnie ....		1,740.00
Legate, Annie S. ....		450.00
Legate, Ida L. ....		630.00
Legate, Harry F. ....		3,930.00
Liese, Cyrus L., Jr. ....	500.00	
Liese, Cyrus C., Jr. & Elaine S. ....		4,125.00
Liese, Jessie E. ....		5,675.00
Lilly, Sarah, ....		1,210.00
Lively, Elise & William S. Trudell ....		2,460.00
Longley, Laurence A. & Julia M. ....		1,620.00

	Personal	Real
Longridge Co., Inc. ....		1,000.00
Lyman, Geraldine H. ....		5,635.00
Malcolm, David J. ....		5,340.00
Mann, T. S. Lumber Co. ....		1,950.00
Martin, Carol ....		585.00
Martin, Edward H. & Ruby T. ....		3,250.00
Massoth, William H. & Victoria L. ....		8,130.00
Maynard, Earl O. ....		2,190.00
McCloud, Everett B. & Marion ....		3,890.00
McHaffie, John W., Jr. & Lois E. ....		3,560.00
McHaffie, John W. ....		2,360.00
McHaffie, William E. & Marjorie ....		1,315.00
McCormack, Marion B. ....		3,050.00
McKinstry, Roger E. ....	800.00	
McKinstry, Roger E. & Doris ....		8,490.00
McKinstry, Roger E. & Doris ....		385.00
Miller, Helen W. ....	1,000.00	3,995.00
Montagna, John A., Trustee ....		300.00
Moores, Ethel T. ....		750.00
Moriarty, John M. ....		2,620.00
Moriarty, John M. ....	300.00	
Muhlneister, Otto H. & Julia V. ....		1,415.00
Muller, Peter J. ....	80.00	8,735.00
Murphy, Margaret ....		400.00
Murray, Harry E. & Isabelle ....		600.00
Newell, Ralph F. ....		2,905.00
New England Power Co. ....	7,240.00	72,900.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....	22,000.00	
Norcross, Ora Marie ....		6,970.00
Norman, Joseph W. & Cordelia M. ....		600.00
Northern Berkshire Gas Co. ....	40,000.00	
Padula, Violet ....		500.00
Palmer, Paul W. & Clarinda A. ....		2,820.00
Parker, James L. ....	1,335.00	
Parker, James L. & Ruby Lenore ....		5,295.00
Phillips, Mark A. & Ava E. ....		3,030.00
Pierguide, Serefino ....		1,100.00
Pierson, William D. ....	3,465.00	15,030.00
Pike, Sherman T. & Elizabeth G. ....		6,975.00
Pitman, Mrs. Elise ....		4,165.00
Plantation House, Inc. ....		7,880.00
Pleshaw, Charles ....		1,970.00
Pleshaw, Gervin D. & Gladys ....		4,300.00
Potter, W. N. Grain Stores Inc. ....	350.00	11,120.00

	Personal	Real
Pratt, Clement T. ....		450.00
Purinton, Albert T. ....	710.00	4,770.00
Purinton, Harry L. ....	500.00	
Purinton, Harry L. & Thelma G. ....		1,645.00
Purinton, Richard D. & Myrtle L. ....		3,355.00
Purrington, Gordon ....		600.00
Ranville, Alfred G. ....		800.00
Raymond, Donald W. & Catherine ....		3,570.00
Raymond, Gerald T. & Bessie P. ....		2,300.00
Reed, Claude E. & Bonnelyne ....		220.00
Rice, Aubrey L. ....	1,800.00	
Rice, Aubrey L. & Amelia A. ....		4,570.00
Rice, Floyd & Josephine ....		2,050.00
Rice, Kenneth R. & Marie M. ....		1,215.00
Rich Lumber Co., Inc. ....		5,000.00
Richards, Mrs. Sarah A. F. ....		2,815.00
Richmond, Earle L. ....	400.00	
Richmond, Earle L. & Hazel ....		5,620.00
Richmond, Mary ....		4,935.00
Rickert, Frank J. & Margaret M. ....		4,110.00
Ringchrist, George & Edna May ....		3,640.00
Rivers, Rena M. ....		5,535.00
Robinson, Thurman W. ....	866.00	
Robinson, Thurman W. & Clara T. ....		3,895.00
Rowe Lumber Co., Inc. ....		370.00
Rowe, Frederick ....		1,460.00
Rowe, Frederick ....		200.00
Rowe, Frederick, & Lot Dennis ....		5,440.00
Russell, Mary C. ....		1,345.00
Ryan, Helena T. ....		1,825.00
Ryan, Helena T. ....		1,710.00
Sandri, Arcilo ....		1,235.00
Schechterlie, William G. & Gertrude D. ....		1,400.00
Schultz, Harold J. ....		160.00
Sears, Francis H. ....	2,550.00	
Sears, Francis H. & Norma C. ....		8,805.00
Sears, Mrs. Mabel V. ....		4,825.00
Sears, John H. ....	85.00	
Shaefer, Paul E. & Sophie ....		390.00
Shaw, Ballard G. & Ella ....		5,860.00
Shaw, Ethel L. & William L. ....		1,475.00
Shaw, Harry P. ....		4,800.00
Shaw, Lincoln ....		1,690.00
Sherman, Cecil ....		670.00

	Personal	Real
Sherman, Elmer .....		315.00
Sherman, Floyd .....		465.00
Sherman, James M., Jr. ....		525.00
Sherman, Mrs. Lena M. ....		745.00
Sherman, Madeline .....		100.00
Shield, Edward G. & Gertrude I. ....		4,080.00
Shukis, Dominic S., Jr. ....	850.00	
Shukis, Dominic S., Jr. & Stella B. ....		7,740.00
Sibley, Howard M. & Jeanette S. ....		225.00
Simmons, Arthur A. & Clara S. ....		1,460.00
Simmons, Mary W. ....		7,955.00
Simmons, John J. & Mary W. ....	2,900.00	3,875.00
Slaunwhite, Stewart E. ....		3,325.00
Slaunwhite, Stewart E. ....	2,195.00	
Smart, Fred A. ....		3,825.00
Smith, Frederick A. & Margaret E. ....		4,050.00
Smith, J. Roger .....	300.00	
Smith, J. Roger, et al .....		2,765.00
Snead, W. Hunter & Marjory Titus .....		4,610.00
Souther, Bertha M. ....		1,790.00
Spear, Elbert F. & Winifred E. ....		6,090.00
Spofford Motors Inc. ....		2,325.00
Stacy, Helen B. ....		300.00
Stafford, William P. & Grace M. ....		4,185.00
Strecker, Charles E. ....	300.00	
Streeter, Charles E. & Marjorie T. ....		6,435.00
Sykes, Robert R. ....		1,200.00
Tanner, Richard & Homer .....		5,235.00
Tarvin, James E. ....	4,080.00	
Tarvin, James E. & Lena M. ....		12,540.00
Taylor, Archie F. ....	195.00	3,485.00
Taylor, Theron S. ....		6,825.00
Temple, John B. ....		545.00
Tennant, Charles E. & Jennie M. ....		2,285.00
Thompson, Mrs. Jane .....		3,040.00
Tinney, Floyd F. ....	216.00	
Tinney, Floyd F. ....		1,480.00
Tinney, Floyd F. ....		635.00
Tinney, Lawrence S. ....	100.00	1,020.00
Tinney, Lawrence S., Jr. ....	150.00	
Tower, Mabel A. ....		5,205.00
Treasurer Congregational Society .....		915.00
Trustees I. O. O. F. ....		6,460.00
Trustees Leavitt Cemetery .....		600.00

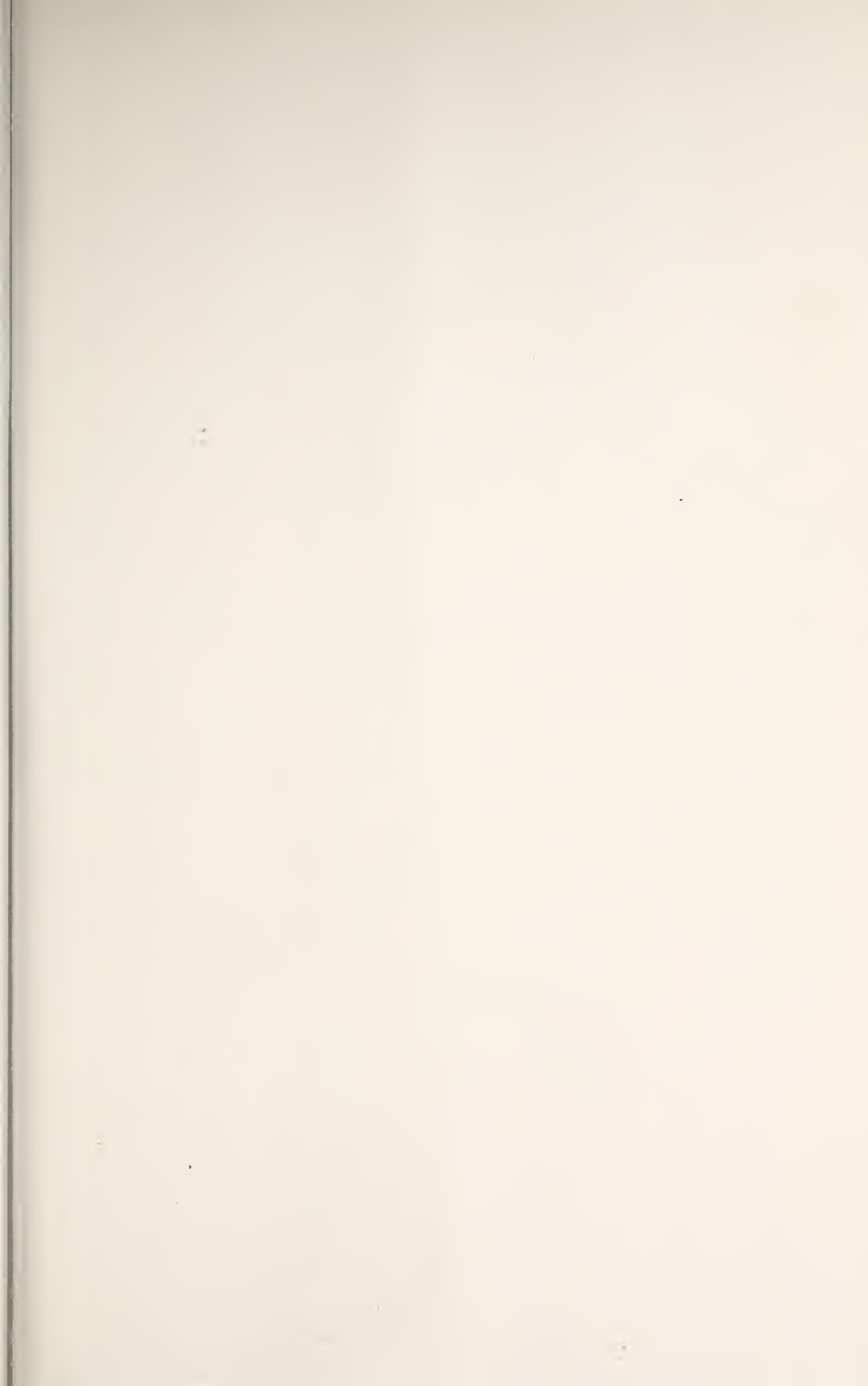


	Personal	Real
Turner, Christine M. ....		9,690.00
Turner, Dora E. & Leon A. ....		5,580.00
Turner, Leon H. ....	1,750.00	
Turner, William C. ....		2,400.00
VanNostrand, Lawrence T. ....		4,910.00
Weber, Laure M. & Leon H. ....		1,625.00
Vincent, Leslie I. ....	220.00	3,750.00
Wagner, Joseph A. ....	288.00	
Wagner, Joseph A. & Gloria A. ....		5,100.00
Wakefield, Leonard I. ....	1,200.00	
Wakefield, Leonard I. & Grace H. ....		14,100.00
Walsh, Mary E. ....		2,705.00
Ware, Alice F. ....		2,200.00
Warfield, Horace E. ....	650.00	14,605.00
Warner, Mary E. ....		3,665.00
Wells, Alice L. ....		5,670.00
Wells, Frank J. ....	5,500.00	15,350.00
Westcott, Mona R. ....		4,700.00
Western New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....		3,005.00
Western Union Tel. Co. ....	3,000.00	
West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Inc. ....		1,100.00
Wetherbee, Roger F. & Emily M. ....		1,725.00
Wheeler, Daniel G. ....	238.00	5,595.00
Whipple, Olin E. ....	2,500.00	900.00
Whipple, Olin E. & Ruth McFall ....		5,175.00
Whitaker, Ernest W. ....	270.00	
Whitaker, Ernest W. & Tilley ....		2,680.00
White, Harold D. ....		150.00
Wilbur, Stephen C. ....	150.00	2,130.00
Willard, James R. ....	1,365.00	8,340.00
Willey, Belle A. & Dora Turner ....		4,350.00
Willey, Belle A. & Dora Turner ....		3,820.00
Willey, Belle A. & Dora Turner ....		5,085.00
Willey, Belle A. & Dora Turner ....		5,100.00
Willey, Belle A. & Dora Turner ....		2,930.00
Willey, Belle A. & Dora Turner ....		675.00
Willis, Roger W. & Marjorie A. ....		9,355.00
Wilson, Raymond W. & Mildred C. ....		4,505.00
Wood, Darwin C. & Eleanor P. ....		2,790.00
Young, Florence N. ....		6,085.00
Young, Florence N. ....		100.00
Young, Florence N. ....		935.00
Number of Polls assessed .....		236

Number of Horses assessed .....	27
Number of Cattle assessed .....	462
Number of Swine assessed .....	3
Number of Goats assessed .....	4
Number of Fowl assessed .....	9,125
Number of Dwelling Houses assessed .....	263
Number of acres of land .....	14,186
Assessed value of Personal Property .....	\$ 182,265.00
Assessed value of Real Estate .....	\$1,523,625.00
Tax Rate per \$1,000 .....	\$ 38.00
Number of Excise Commitments .....	10
Number of Motor Vehicles .....	514
Value of Motor Vehicles .....	\$ 173,180.00
Excise .....	\$ 8,117.23

Respectfully submitted,

SHERMAN T. PIKE,  
WINIFRED E. SPEAR,  
FRANCIS W. AVERY,  
Assessors.











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*Town of* CHARLEMONT 1954  
MASSACHUSETTS



ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINTH

# ANNUAL REPORT

*of the* TOWN OFFICERS



1954

*Town of Charlemont, Massachusetts*

ANNUAL REPORT

The cover picture is the Hawlemont Regional School. The Hawlemont Regional School District is the first elementary school district to be established in Massachusetts, having been voted by the towns of Charlemont and Hawley on January 13th, 1953. The building contains six classrooms, various offices, cafeteria and a gymnasium-auditorium, and provides for the education of children in the first eight grades in the two towns. Construction started in the Fall of 1953 and opened for classes in October of 1954. The O. D. Purrington Company was the general contractor and the architects were Karl S. Putnam and Warren Ashley in association.

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*Photo on Cover taken by*

LESLIE DUNLOP  
of Charlemont

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**U. S. SENATORS**

JOHN KENNEDY

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL



**U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1**

JOHN W. HESELTON



**STATE SENATOR**

RALPH C. MAHAR, Orange



**REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL COURT**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT 1**

PHILIP F. WHITMORE, Sunderland



**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

SAMUEL U. STREETER, Chairman, Greenfield

CARLOS ALLEN, Deerfield

HARRY F. KOCH, Shelburne

# OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT, 1954

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

WILLIAM D. PIERSON, Chairman  
Term Expires 1954

WINSTON HEALY  
Term Expires 1955

CLYDE H. CHURCHILL  
Term Expires 1956

## CLERK AND TREASURER

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## TAX COLLECTOR

ROGER WILLIS

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

SHERMAN T. PIKE, Chairman  
Term Expires 1956

WINIFRED SPEAR  
Term Expires 1954

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Term Expires 1955

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

EMMA B. VINCENT, Chairman  
Term Expires 1954

WILLIAM P. STAFFORD  
Term Expires 1955

BURTON W. AVERY  
Term Expires 1956

## HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WILLIAM P. STAFFORD, Chairman F. DEANE CARTER, Treasurer  
GERTRUDE OGDEN, Secretary

BURTON W. AVERY

HELEN STILES

EMMA B. VINCENT

BELLE BELLOWS

(Advisors: HAROLD WHITE, CHARLES STREETER  
and WINSTON HEALY)

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

CHARLES MINNICH

## HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL CUSTODIAN

CHARLES PURINTON

**CHARLEMONT HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIAN**

WILLIAM C. TURNER

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Term Expires 1957

EMMA FISK

MABEL V. SEARS

Term Expires 1956

Term Expires 1955

STANTON C. KENDRICK

Term Expires 1954

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND  
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**

WINSTON HEALY, Chairman

WILLIAM D. PIERSON

CLYDE H. CHURCHILL

PHYLLIS L. HEIST, Agent

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

WILLIAM D. PIERSON, Chairman

WINSTON HEALY

CLYDE H. CHURCHILL

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

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Term Expires 1954

GRACE GOULD

BLANCHE L. HUNT

Term Expires 1955

Term Expires 1956

PEARLE TANNER, Librarian

**PARK COMMISSION**

HARRY F. LEGATE, Chairman

Term Expires 1954

AVIS M. CHURCHILL

CHARLES L. PURINTON

Term Expires 1955

Term Expires 1956

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

STANTON C. KENDRICK, Chairman

Term Expires 1956

DAVID J. MALCOLM, Secretary

LAURENCE M. PITMAN

Term Expires 1954

Term Expires 1955

**AUDITOR**

HARRY F. LEGATE

**TREE WARDEN**

ROY BREEN

**CONSTABLES**

CLYDE H. CHURCHILL

WALTER A. HENDERSON

ROGER E. McKINSTRY

<b>FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN FRANK J. WELLS</b>	<b>SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES STANTON C. KENDRICK</b>
<b>CLERK TO TOWN OFFICERS BEDA A. LANGEVIN</b>	<b>ROAD SUPERINTENDENT PAUL HEIST</b>
<b>WESTERN FRANKLIN PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT NURSE DOROTHY MOREHOUSE, R. N.</b>	
<b>DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE FRANK J. WELLS</b>	
<b>DOG OFFICER PAUL PALMER</b>	
<b>SUPERINTENDENT, GYPSY MOTH AND DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL ROY A. HICKS</b>	
<b>INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS ROGER E. MCKINSTRY</b>	<b>INSPECTOR OF WIRES D. A. LANOUE</b>
<b>INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS ROY A. HICKS</b>	
<b>INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING ROY A. HICKS</b>	<b>WILBUR L. BURNETT</b>
<b>FENCE VIEWERS</b>	
<b>MARSHALL F. JOHNSON</b>	<b>HARRY F. HAWKES</b>
<b>FIELD DRIVERS AND POUND KEEPERS</b>	
<b>MARSHALL F. JOHNSON</b>	<b>THERON S. TAYLOR, SR.</b>
<b>WEIGHERS</b>	
<b>HARRY F. LEGATE</b>	<b>THERON S. TAYLOR, SR.</b>
<b>MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK</b>	
<b>WILLIAM C. TURNER</b>	<b>HERMAN F. HARRIS</b>
<b>MEASURERS OF LUMBER</b>	
<b>WILLIAM C. TURNER</b>	<b>HERMAN F. HARRIS</b>
<b>OLIN WHIPPLE</b>	<b>AUBREY L. RICE</b>
<b>CHARLES W. GOODWIN</b>	
<b>VETERANS' AGENT ROBERT E. SCOTT</b>	<b>POLICE CHIEF CYRUS C. ANNEAR</b>



BURIAL AGENTS

LAWRENCE S. TINNEY

ROBERT E. SCOTT

CUSTODIAN TOWN HALL

LAWRENCE S. TINNEY

SPECIAL POLICE

LINCOLN SHAW

WILLIAM C. TURNER

PAUL HEIST

CHARLES E. STREETER

LAWRENCE TINNEY

WALTER HUNT

HAROLD J. LANGEVIN

JOHN McHAFFIE, JR.

EDWARD STAFFORD

NORMAN HAWKES

CHARLES PURINTON

MAXIMILLIAN FALANDES

JAMES PORROVECCHIO

DONALD TURNER

# TOWN CALENDAR

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1955

- Jan. 18 Last Registration of Voters before Town Meeting.
- Feb. 7 TOWN MEETING.
- Mar. 30 Last day for filing Seasonal Liquor Licenses.
- Mar. 31 Dog Licenses - Expiration Date.
- Apr. 10 Easter Sunday.
- May 30 Memorial Day.
- June 17 Elementary School Closes.
- June 24 High School Closes.
- July 4 Independence Day.
- Sept. 5 Labor Day.
- Sept. 7 School opens.
- Oct. 31 Last day for payment of Town Taxes without penalty.
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day.
- Nov. 30 Last day for filing Liquor License renewals.
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day.

1956

- Jan. 2 Last day for filing Nomination Papers for Election of Town Officers.
- Jan. 17 Last day for registration before Town Meeting.
- Feb. 6 TOWN MEETING.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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As 1954 draws to a close it finds us with the Hawlemont Regional School completed. We think as a whole the tax payers are glad that we have this school. With the new gymnasium for the children to use in the cold weather it would seem that the building was well worthwhile.

The highway program was again carried out under the good management of Paul Heist. In 1953 we thought we had difficulties in blasting ledge on South River Road but the landslide this year with the mud was not far behind. This year, the same as last, all of our Chapter 90 allotment was spent on South River Road. The only difference is that the State allowed \$4000. more, making \$12,000 in all. It looks like slow work but eventually we hope to complete new construction to the Buckland line.

Again another section of road on Legate Hill was widened and graveled, ready for tar next year. Also a section on Harris Mountain Road was started; unfortunately we were unable to finish but we expect to complete the job to the top of the mountain next year.

We also started to widen a section on Slaunwhite's Hill. Due to finding more ledge than we expected, we did not finish that either. That, too, should be completed this coming year.

We have put up Guard Rails in several dangerous places and we need a lot more. As in the past the usual maintenance was kept up.

It has been our policy in the past to post roads with a weight limit in the spring. We expect to continue with that policy.

The red pick-up was traded in toward a new International Dump Truck which is working out good. It comes in handy when we need an extra dump truck. Equipment is all in good shape. We don't have to have any new this year. We have bought a new one-way plow so now we have three trucks that can plow snow.

In last year's Selectmen's report we had an article in regard to construction of a machinery shed. We have looked into the cost of a new building (which we need very badly) and find that if we have one built by a contractor, it would run into so much money that the town couldn't afford to build one. But we have an idea to put before the people; that is, if we buy a building spot, and do it by degrees by the Town Highway help. We could do it at a cost we could stand, paying for the same out of machinery earnings. This explains the article in the Town Meeting Warrant.

The woodwork in the Town Hall was scraped and refinished, a hard job well done, due to the perseverance of Homer Tanner and son. Also some

cupboards were built very reasonably by Fred Warner to use for storage of records.

The third annual Yankee Doodle Days sponsored by the Lions Club was a greater success than ever before. All of the organizations made money who participated. The Fairgrounds made it possible for such activities. It's a beautiful spot and much money could be spent on the grounds to improve them. A good job was done by the Odd Fellows and Lions Club on the grandstand straightening and also reconditioning of the kitchen.

The Board of Health activities were normal with the exception of a question of typhoid, which will be explained more fully in the nurse's report. In the past we have taken care of the dump out of the Board of Health account. The dump has gotten to be quite a headache. So we are asking for a separate allotment to take care of this next year. If people who use the dump would put rubbish over the bank instead of in the road, it would help a lot. Also if the papers were burned and not left at the dump to blow around, it would not be such an eyesore.

The gypsy moth spray program, most of the people think, was quite a success.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. PIERSON,  
WINSTON HEALY,  
CLYDE H. CHURCHILL,

Selectmen.

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## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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To Members of the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of  
Charlemont, Greetings:

Herewith is submitted the sixth annual report of the  
town Finance Committee.

We would first point out that Charlemont, what with  
financing and operating a new regional school, has reach-  
ed the limit of its ability to support other than routine pro-  
jects. The direct tax per capita, that is the total tax divided

by every person in Charlemont, will have risen in 1955 to approximately \$82.00. To evaluate what this means, it need only be compared with other Massachusetts towns such as Conway, which last year reached \$70.00; Ashfield at \$63.00 and Buckland at \$68.00. Further afield the per capita tax in Orange was \$58.00; Amherst \$52.00 and Palmer \$42.00. A mere ten years ago Charlemont's tax per person was \$44.00.

With these facts in mind, both the budget of the Selectmen and the budget of the School Committee have been carefully and economically prepared.

The outstanding financial problem facing the citizens of Charlemont for the next few years will center in adjustments encountered in changing from a traditional educational program to a modern educational program based on a Regional School curriculum.

Regional elementary schools in Massachusetts are in a pioneering stage of development. Consequently the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools have no precedents to follow, but must explore their way as each new situation develops.

It will be necessary for citizens of Charlemont to have patience while new problems are being solved and it will be equally necessary for the School Committee to have wisdom to discern between the actual needs of the new curriculum and between services and equipment which can be delayed until the initial impact of the costs of the new Regional School building upon the economy of the town has passed its peak.

Charlemont is now a part of a Regional School District with a fine modern school building rapidly coming into service. Utilizing the possibilities of the new building to its full capacity will require a fine sense of values and much hard work on the part of the Regional Committee and the Superintendent of Schools. The Finance Committee cannot urge too strongly the co-operation of citizens of both Hawley and Charlemont with the Regional Committee in this matter.

The Finance Committee recommends the following:

For the General Town Budget, \$55,757.85 as proposed by the selectmen and itemized in various articles of the Town Warrant.

For support of Town Schools, \$34,856.00 as proposed by the School Committee.



We call attention to the fact that an appropriation of \$34,856.00 for the support of town schools does not constitute the entire cost of schools for the children of Charle-  
mont. The \$34,856.00 covers only the cost of all transportation and most of the cost of maintaining the high school.

The town has already been assessed \$29,715.25 as its share of expenses for operating the Regional School. Adding these two items together, the total costs of maintaining schools for 1955 will require an estimated \$64,571.25.

If we include \$15,711.12 which is Charle-  
mont's share of Interest and Principal due on the new building, our total bill for education in all its aspects during 1955 will come to \$80,282.37.

However, there is a much brighter side to the picture than these figures would indicate. The town may conservatively expect to receive during 1955 from State Reimbursements and from other out-of-town resources considerably more than half of this amount. Data for an exact estimate of this anticipated reimbursement is not available at this time.

In closing this brief report, we wish to commend a fine spirit of community interest found in every department of the town. Citizens and town officials are united to dissolve a burdensome, but very much worthwhile situation.

Respectfully submitted,

STANTON KENDRICK, *Chairman*  
LAURENCE PITMAN,  
DAVID J. MALCOLM, *Secretary.*

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## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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During the past year the Fire Department responded to 17 town calls and 4 out-of-town calls.

The Department's new high pressure pump was placed in full use this year, and it proved its value in fighting grass and house fires. This piece of equipment created a great interest to surrounding towns, especially after the work it performed at the Hawks' fire. We were called upon by interested persons to give demonstrations with this piece of equipment.

During the winter months the Department held a Red Cross First Aid Class open to the public.

Last summer the Department took charge of the swimming class for our children. 65 children benefitted by this project.

During the months of July and August the Department sponsored a Little League Baseball Team with Mr. W. L. Tilley in charge. As many as 30 youngsters between 8 and 13 years of age took part.

As part of the Yankee Doodle Days, the Department sponsored a square dance in Bissell Bridge.

We cordially invite anyone who is interested to attend our regular meetings the second Monday of each month. We are always open to suggestions that may be of benefit to the Department.

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. CETTO

Secretary and Treasurer

Charlemont Fire Fighter Ass'n.

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## REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

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The buildings at Memorial Park were greatly improved during the summer of 1954.

The \$300. appropriation by the town was used for material and labor in placing cement foundations under posts of the grandstand, replacing sills, and repairing the slate roofs on the buildings.

The ell at rear of the grandstand was remodeled by work bees under the direction of the Odd Fellows and Lions Club members.

The remodeling to the ell proved a great help during Yankee Doodle Days when over 600 barbecue dinners were served in about 35 minutes from the building.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY F. LEGATE, *Chairman*

AVIS M. CHURCHILL

CHARLES L. PURINTON

# REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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The number of books available at the library has been greatly increased by its affiliation with the Greenfield Regional Library Center and the circulation per capita is satisfactory.

However, the trustees have long been aware that the physical features of our library are entirely inadequate. Therefore, at our invitation, Miss Alice Cahill of the Massachusetts Division of Library Extension and Mr. Charles de Grasse, Greenfield Regional Librarian, met with us to discuss conditions and suggest improvements. The report submitted by them was not flattering and does little to bolster our civic pride.

Here are some of the salient facts:

- (a) The main room presents a cluttered appearance due to lack of space.
- (b) The children's room is poorly lighted and provides neither inducement nor facilities for them to linger and look at the books available.
- (c) It is doubtful if one door serving three adjoining rooms would comply with fire regulations.
- (d) The seating accommodations consist of 9 chairs, most of them bottomless. The reading tables are crude and in poor condition. It is suggested that civic-minded citizens might have in their attics furniture that might be refinished and converted to library use.
- (e) Charlemont Public Library has a per capita income of 58 cents which is 92 cents below the \$1.50 that is considered an absolute minimum for limited library service. Yet a public library is considered to be second only to the public school as an educational institution.

We ask that you consider these facts. Our library should be every good citizen's business and the trustees would welcome suggestions for improvement of our status in this important educational field.

Details of disbursement of Library and Tyler Memorial funds are listed under Selectmen's and Treasurer's reports.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE B. GOULD  
WILLIAM H. WAKEFIELD  
BLANCHE L. HUNT

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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Total circulation for 1954 was 11,839, this includes all books loaned in the town and those loaned from the Regional Library Center in Greenfield. Books purchased totaled 121. Among them were — Home on the Bear's Domain, the second book by Martha Martin — the one of last year was "O Rugged Land of Gold." Mamie Doud Eisenhower by Dorothy Brandon; Love is Eternal by Stone — Mary Anne by Du Maurier; Born on Snowshoes by Evelyn Shores — The Royal Box, Keyes — Inside Nantucket — Gilbreth — Stories on Stone by Wallis; Green Mountains and Rock Ribs by Jennison (of Vermont) Reach for the Sky by Brickhill — the story of Douglas Bader who lost both legs in an air crash, yet learned to walk again, became a top ace of the Battle of Britain, escaped from a German Prison hospital, and continues to lead an active life. One White Star by Gladys Hasty Carroll -- and Love Letters of Phyllis McGinley.

Rules of the Library — books may be taken out for two weeks, and subject to one renewal — fines will be charged - as formerly - if overdue. Library is open Wednesdays from 2 until 5 — Saturdays, 2 to 5, and 7 to 9 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

PEARLE L. TANNER, Librarian

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## REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORIAN

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In the year 1888 a paper by J. L. Wade and Company, Shelburne Falls, Mass., gives much information about Charlemont as of 1888. I came to Charlemont this same year, and have personally known many of the names mentioned. Considerable difference of opinion in regard to the names of the Streets has come up for discussion. It appears from this document which is printed by J. L. Wade Company that what we now call EAST MAIN STREET was in 1888 called ELM STREET, and High Street was part of it.

I have also discovered that one Newton G. Warner, who was the grandfather of Allen Warner of Greenfield, and the party who cares for the Village Cemetery in such a splendid way, he apparently, as per copies

of deeds enclosed with this report, had much to do with the history of Charlemont from 1849 up to the time of his death.

I have also made a list of Selectmen, Assessors, School Committee, Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes for the last one hundred years.

The work of getting facts and figures which I have, has been interesting. I have received help from various sources, but sometimes I find that the person who has valuable information to give does not show much interest. I have spent much time looking up the Cemeteries in town, and have obtained from information to be found on the grave stones much help. I would like to have someone tell me where I can find the facts about the original Leavitt and Village Cemeteries. I have copies of two deeds having to do with the East Charlemont Cemetery, furnished me by Mrs. Amy Kendrick of East Charlemont, but they appear to be for additional land, one from a party living west of the original cemetery and the other from a party on east side of the old cemetery. I have talked with a Mr. Kendrick living in Greenfield and the person who has been doing such a fine job in caring for this East Charlemont Cemetery.

I have found out that in studying the past of the people who were here in Charlemont in 1888, many came from different towns, quite a good many from the town of Savoy, Emmett F. Haskins, Charles Haskins, Eddie Phelps, Frank B. Ford, Herbert T. Ford, Harvey Polly, Austin Polly, Philo Tower, Mrs. Marcus Mayhew, Dr. Charles Bowker, Dr. M. A. Bowen, C. S. Carpenter.

Have had some inquiries from different individuals, and people have called at the house to talk with me. I enjoy these visits, and do wish there were more people who would take the time to stop, look and listen to the past.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED O. BICKNELL.



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

1954	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
Mar. 12—	Debra Mae Dimick	George Harvey Dimick Joyce Pecor
Apr. 4—	Thomas Larkin Warren, Jr.	Thomas Larkin Warren Teresa Kelly
Apr. 27—	James Selmi Hyytinen	Reino Armas Hyytinen Virginia Brown Pierce
Apr. 29—	Joan Theresa Ryder	Russell William Ryder Elizabeth Gertrude Tinney
Aug. 16—	Karen Lee Newell	Ralph Foster Newell Catherine Helena Poissant
Aug. 28—	Philip Salvatore DiBenedetto, Jr.	Philip S. DiBenedetto Gloria R. Bozzone
Sept. 9—	Richard Lee Gould	Albert L. Gould Dorothy M. Turner
Nov. 15—	Alice Margaret Falandes	Max P. Falandes Katherine Kott
Nov. 25—	Douglas Allen Turner	Donald E. Turner Rosemarie Hunkler
Dec. 4—	Karla Jean Raymond	Donald W. Raymond Katherine L. Lynch

### COMPARISON TABLE OF BIRTHS

1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
18	20	16	19	17	10

### MARRIAGES

1954	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Jan. 16—	James E. Godfrey	Rowe, Mass.
	Dora M. Maynard (Blake)	Rowe, Mass.
Mar. 27—	Calvin P. Taylor	Charlemont, Mass.
	Eleanor V. Eastman	Greenfield, Mass.

Apr. 17—	Wallace Sterling MacLean Leona Ada Maynard	Charlemont, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
June 5—	Douglas A. Patenaude Peggy A. Lamore	Buckland, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
June 5—	John Canada Cosby, Jr. Mary Stuart Parker	Greenville, So. Carolina Hawley, Mass.
Aug. 26—	Richard R. Hicks Alice A. McKinnon	Charlemont, Mass. Shelburne, Mass.
Aug. 27—	Harold Theodore White Muriel Dorothy Rust	West Hawley, Mass. Melrose, Mass.
Aug. 29—	Richard C. Shores Deane E. Kenyon	Bernardston, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
Sept. 4—	John W. Maynard Beverly L. (Cilley) Barlow	Charlemont, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
Nov. 26—	James Chapman Davis Esther Arline Stanford	Endicott, New York Rowe, Mass.
Dec. 4—	Stephen Burt Lyman Joan Marie Gasset	Charlemont, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.

#### COMPARISON TABLE OF MARRIAGES

1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
9	13	8	8	10	11

#### DEATHS

1954	Name	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan. 20—	Emma P. Taintor .....	77	11	13
Jan. 27—	John Cecil Burrington .....	77	3	14
Feb. 1—	Viola (Gould) Whitbeck .....	77	9	23
Mar. 13—	Frank William Sweet .....	81	2	28
Apr. 9—	Wilfred Labelle .....	67	5	3
Apr. 16—	Mary Ellen (Bracket) Warner .....	84	1	8
May 15—	Milton E. Hutchinson .....	77	8	19

Apr. 25—John Thomas Goodnow .....	82	1	20
July 20—Ruth (Lamson) Easterman .....	55	1	18
July 27—Erving Everett McKinstry .....	72	6	27
Dec. 30—George Farrow .....	86	3	7

COMPARISON TABLE OF DEATHS

1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
10	19	21	12	12	11

**368 FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED**

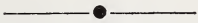
16 Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses to persons seventy or more years old .....	Free
11 Resident Military or Naval Sporting Licenses .....	Free
1 Resident Citizen Fishing License to the Blind .....	Free
53 Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses at \$3.25 .....	\$ 172.25
84 Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses at \$3.25 .....	273.00
105 Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses at \$5.25 .....	551.25
14 Resident Citizens' Minor Fishing Licenses at \$1.25 .....	17.50
39 Resident Citizens' Female Fishing Licenses at \$2.25 .....	87.75
1 Resident Citizen Trapping License at \$7.75 .....	7.75
23 Special Non-Resident Fishing Licenses at \$2.75 ..	63.25
2 Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses at \$7.75	15.50
6 Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses at \$15.25 .....	91.50
1 Non-Resident Citizen Sporting License at \$20.25 .....	20.25
10 Duplicates at \$ .50 .....	5.00
2 Non-Resident Military or Naval Sporting Licenses at \$2.00 .....	4.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,309.00
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game .....	\$ 1,227.50
Fees retained .....	82.50
	<hr/> \$ 1,309.00

### 112 DOG LICENSES ISSUED — 1 KENNEL LICENSE

54	Male Dog Licenses at \$2.00 .....	\$	108.00	
14	Female Dog Licenses at \$5.00 .....		70.00	
44	Spayed Female Dog Licenses at \$2.00 .....		88.00	
1	kennel License at \$25.00 .....		25.00	
			\$	291.00
	Paid Town Treasurer .....	\$	268.40	
	Fees retained .....		22.60	
			\$	291.00

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER,  
Town Clerk.



## JURY LIST, 1955

- Norman W. Hawkes, truck driver
- Paul DiBenedetto, innkeeper
- Walter W. Brownsword, farmer
- Glenn E. Adams, farmer
- Burdette J. Halligan, insurance agent
- Harold J. Langevin, painter
- Donald W. Raymond, electrician
- Marshall A. Johnson, farmer
- Henry L. Avery, storekeeper
- Elsie C. Bissland, housewife
- Eva F. Porrovecchio, housewife
- Marjorie A. Willis, housewife
- Margaret L. Healy, housewife

# TRUSTEES OF EAST CHARLEMONT SCHOOL

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Charlemont, Greetings:

Herewith is submitted the second annual report of the Trustees of the East Charlemont Schoolhouse

Your Trustees have pursued a program of open-minded caution during the year. We have welcomed opportunities whereby the East Charlemont Schoolhouse might be of immediate service to the inhabitants of the town and we have explored suggestions for a long range program.

We have had two immediate objectives in mind. The first is to keep the building in a good state of repairs and the second is to do so at a minimum expense to taxpayers.

From time to time, as specific needs arise, we plan to call upon various individuals and organizations to assist us in establishing the schoolhouse as a historical shrine, dedicated to the preservation of traditions and artifices of Charlemont. The suggestion has been made that, among other functions, the school house a collection of old textbooks, teaching aids and furnishings such as were used in country schools of the last century.

Gifts suitable for such a collection will be appreciated. However, until such times as better protection for valuable articles can be devised, we suggest that gifts of special value be delayed until a later date.

Electric lights were connected at the school during the year which are expected to cost the town about \$1.00 per month. A series of meetings of the East Charlemont Farmers Club were held during the winter, the club furnishing its own heat. Organizations wishing to use the building are encouraged to do so by making arrangements in advance with Stanton Kendrick or with Lawrence Clark.

We wish to thank the Patrick J. Coyne Post of the American Legion for a gift of an outdoor flag which is being displayed on all suitable occasions. We also express appreciation to individuals and organizations who are generously assisting us in developing a worthwhile program whereby future generations may enjoy this fine old landmark.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID J. MALCOLM,

For the Trustees.

LAWRENCE CLARK, *Chairman*

MRS. EMMA FISK

MRS. MABEL SEARS

STANTON KENDRICK

DAVID J. MALCOLM, *Clerk*



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

1954

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Emma Vincent, <i>Chairman</i>	Term Expires 1955
Burton Avery, <i>Secretary</i>	Term Expires 1957
William P. Stafford	Term Expires 1956
Charles H. Minnich	<i>Superintendent</i>
Cyrus C. Annear, Horace Warfield	<i>Attendance Officers</i>
Dr. Samuel J. Galbo	<i>School Physician</i>
Dorothy Morehouse, R. N.	<i>School Nurse</i>

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

First Winter Term	Opens January 3, 1955 Closes February 18, 1955
Second Winter Term	Opens February 28, 1955 Closes April 15, 1955
Spring Term	Opens April 25, 1955 Closes June 24, 1955 (High) Closes June 17, 1955 (Elem.)
Fall Term	Opens September 7, 1955

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

October 7, 1955	— Teachers' Convention
October 12, 1955	— Columbus Day
November 11, 1955	— Veterans Day
November 23, 1955 (Noon)	— Thanksgiving Holidays
December 22, 1955 to January 2, 1956	— Christmas Holidays

**CHART OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL — TEACHERS**  
**Regional and High School**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Experience</i>	<i>Professional Teaching</i>
Thomas L. Warren (Resigned)	Superintendent	17 Years	B. S. Ed. Bridgewater Teachers College M. Ed. Boston University Harvard University
Charles H. Minnick	Superintendent	15 Years	B. S. Ed. Fitchburg Teachers College M. Ed. Fitchburg Teachers College Boston University
Wilson L. Tilley	Principal-Teacher Gr. 7-12 Science Mathematics	5 Years	B. S. Northeastern University University of Massachusetts
Lois E. McHaffie	Grade 7-12 English	12 Years	A. B. Mary Washington College
Eunice I. Plante	Grade 9-12 Languages Social Studies, 7-8-9	2 Years	B. A. Emmanuel College
Lucille Mackler	Commercial Studies	2 Years	B. S. American International College
Ruth Law	Grade 7-12 Mathematics Science	2 Years	B. S. University of Massachusetts
Winifred D. Looney	Grade 6	9 Years	Framingham Normal School
Thelma Purinton	Grade 5	11 Years	North Adams Normal School
Gladys Clark	Grade 4	14 Years	Aroostook State Normal School St. Joseph's College
B. Constance Pollard	Grade 3	22 Years	North Adams Normal School
Hazel N. Richmond	Grade 2	15 Years	North Adams Normal School

Estella Carter	Grade 1	26 Years	Boston University
Janet Wettierwald	Music Supervisor	6 Years	Wilson College
Beda Langevin	Lip Reading	16 Years	Clarke School for Deaf
Jeanette Rich	Art	12 Years	B. S. Massachusetts School of Art
Rinehart Handwriting System			

### NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL

Gertrude Ogden	Clerk—School Committee and Superintendent (part time)	Regional
Beverly Ellsworth	Clerk—School Committee and Superintendent	Charlottesville
William C. Turner	School Custodian	
Charles Purinton	School Custodian	
Gertrude Maynard	Cafeteria Manager	
Leona MacLean	Cafeteria Assistant	
Dorothy Morehouse, R. N.	School Nurse	
Samuel Galbo, M. D.	School Doctor	

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the Members of the School Committee and the  
Citizens of the Town of Charlemont.

The outstanding community project for Charlemont and Hawley for the year was the construction and occupancy of the Hawlemont School, the first regional elementary school in this state. By this accomplishment you have provided your children with educational surroundings comparable with the best. The people of the Hawlemont Regional School District may well be proud of this endeavor and are to be congratulated. Among the many favorable facilities in the new building that may be mentioned are: single grades and smaller classes per teacher, adequate room for exhibits, demonstrations, and the pupil work display, the attractive, spacious, well lighted and equipped cafeteria and a much needed auditorium and gymnasium, which will be enjoyed and used by the citizens and children of both towns.

It is an apparent fact that the new school will result in an increase in the school budget. This year, we propose a total school budget for the high school and the Charlemont share of the Hawlemont school, not including the debt and interest on the latter building, which is an increase of \$12,143.25 more than the regular school appropriation of last year.

Community progress cannot be acquired without financial stress and at this time it may be heartening to the taxpayer to realize that during the ensuing years the financial burdens on the new school might be lessened. The insurance cost for this year on the new building is expected to be approximately \$1,320 but this figure will decrease to approximately \$440 per year thereafter. If an amendment to the regional agreement is accepted by both towns whereby the District, instead of the individual Towns pay the transportation cost, it will result in an additional \$5 per

child reimbursement from the state which also means that the state will reimburse the District 100% on this item. At the present time there are 63 Charlemont children and 49 Hawley children who are being transported to the regional school. After five years the annual installment on the debt of the new building will decrease from an annual payment of \$20,000 to \$15,000 per year and the interest payment also will decrease each year. It must also be noted that the total reimbursement from the state will be increased by an additional 15% each year for the regional school.

It may be of interest to you to know that in accordance with the Regional agreement, the first eight grades comprise the regional school, though physically the seventh and eighth grades are in the high school. This arrangement results in Charlemont paying the full salaries of three teachers in the high school, and the custodian and a portion of the salaries of the principal, the seven regional teachers and the custodian in the new building. However, in further accordance with the regional agreement, the high school pupils have access to the cafeteria, auditorium and gymnasium. At the time the original plans were drafted, as well as at the present time, the above mentioned agreements seem fair because both towns gain by the use of the new facilities. As time progresses, because no agreement is perfect, it is recommended that through cooperative effort and understanding for the common good of the school and communities that differences that may occur be solved in a manner whereby the whole may benefit. Unity is vital!

After giving much study to the operating costs of the High School in comparison to similar towns of under 5,000 population with high schools, I wish to propose that a study be made concerning the possibilities of decreasing our school budget by combining with Shelburne in their proposed Regional High School District, either as a member or on a tuition basis. The results of this study may in future years be of greatest importance not only to the taxpayer but to our educational progress.

In fairness I must call to your attention that the High School is in dire need of repairs. The boys' lavatory is in a deplorable condition and though money was allotted for the correction of these availing conditions, it was urged by the Finance Committee, due to the prevailing costs of the regional school, to postpone action for one year on all re-



pairs. However, it must be understood that in the interim the untoward conditions are increasing and it is inevitable that money will have to be expended for this purpose if the building is to remain as our high school.

The high school faculty for the first time in years has remained constant which is encouraging, as it requires time for a teacher to become acclimated that he or she may give a full capacity of teaching efficiency. We welcome to the staff of the Regional School, Mrs. B. Constance Pollard, Mrs. Winifred Looney, and Mrs. Hazel Richmond, the transferred teachers from the Charlemont system, Mrs. Estella Carter, Mrs. Thelma Purinton, Mrs. Gladys Clark, and Mrs. Ruth Law, and special supervisors, Mrs. Janet Wetterwald, Mrs. Jeannette Rich and Mrs. Beda Langevin. It is pleasing to report that most of the teachers have taken courses during the past year.

We are fortunate that pupil furniture, text books, laboratory supplies and office practice equipment are adequate and that no large sum need be expended for same this year.

Mrs. Earl Maynard, manager of the cafeteria is serving approximately 180 meals daily. This program with its new facilities is offering an opportunity to the pupils to have a nourishing meal and Mrs. Maynard is to be commended for her effort in serving an excellent meal at minimum cost.

Dorothy Morehouse, R. N. has again this year not only accomplished the basic health program but through her constant effort, the program is growing and she is to be congratulated for her achievements.

The citizens, pupils and teachers may be appreciative of the continuous efforts of Mr. Will Turner and Mr. Charles Purinton in keeping the buildings clean. Cleanliness should be basically an essential aim of all schools as it definitely influences health standards within the community and home.

The Hawlemont Regional School Committee wishes to express appreciation for the generous gifts of ophthalmic glasses for deserving children and the bleachers for the new gymnasium, given by the Charlemont Lions Club, and the electric basketball scoreboard, purchased by the graduating classes of 1953 and 1954.

I wish to thank at this time the members of the school committee for their cooperation and the many people in Charlemont who are interested in the welfare of the schools and of the young people in the community. It is with sincere pleasure that this report is presented.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHARLES H. MINNICH,  
Superintendent

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### REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Charlemont High School  
Charlemont, Mass.

Mr. Charles Minnich, Superintendent  
Charlemont High School  
Charlemont, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Herewith may I submit my second annual report.

The enrollment at the opening of school in September was 219 which includes 51 high school and 168 elementary students. The break-down is as follows:

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	18	11	29
2	15	12	27
3	8	11	19
4	5	8	13
5	16	8	24
6	7	9	16
7	15	12	27
8	5	8	13
9	11	11	22
10	4	8	12
11	5	4	9
12	4	4	8

Last June a class of seven students graduated. Three entered the armed services and two are furthering their education.

There have been many significant changes with the addition of the new regional elementary school. The plant and staff now serving the elementary

school is to be envied by many larger communities. The program which is being developed promises to be one of which the citizens may be proud and will include all avenues of development for the "whole" child!

One significant benefit of a new building which could possibly go unrecognized is the increase in space and facilities for the high school.

There is no further need of holding classes in the basement rooms. The laboratory is now on the first floor and includes three new tables with intervening sinks and an instructor's demonstration table. This is a tremendous step toward adequately preparing students for living in a scientific age.

There has been an increase in number and a decrease in size of the homerooms which is desirable for closer contact and guidance of the individual by the faculty.

The main room on the second floor which is not ideally suited for academic instruction is now being used for library study, audio-visual work, art, music, and other extra-curricula activities.

The commercial room which had been necessarily small in the past was enlarged and, with the addition of new equipment, now provides excellent facilities for those whose interests lie in this field!

All of the aforementioned changes as well as the gymnasium and auditorium facilities offered in the new building provides our town with a secondary school plant which is fairly complete at a time when there is a great deal of talk and pressure in educational circles for an accrediting agency for colleges and secondary schools.

The course of studies in the high school has been enriched with the addition of courses in Advanced Math, Junior Business Training, and Office Practice. The latter includes a period of time for students enrolled to actually 'work in the principal's office under realistic conditions which promises to do a great deal for those who may go into commercial work after graduation.

A new schedule arrangement has been operating this year which has offered advantages which were lacking before. By placing an activity period at the end of the day, it has been possible for the students to have their extra-curricula activities, makeup work, and additional assistance in subjects without interrupting their regularly scheduled classes!

The new cafeteria operating in two lunch shifts continues to provide a fine hot lunch, despite an increase in number of almost 60%, which is a credit to Mrs. Maynard and her staff.

Although many improvements have been made there is still much to be done. Probably the most important of which is the landscaping and improving the grounds as well as badly needed maintenance and repairs of the high school building.

In conclusion, may I express my sincere appreciation to you, the school committee, the faculty, the students, and all others for the assistance and support that has been so generously accorded me.

Respectfully submitted,

WILSON L. TILLEY,  
Principal

**REGIONAL AND HIGH SCHOOL  
MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1954**

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Totals
1	5	20	4												29
2		7	17	2	1										27
3				15	4										19
4					7	4	2								13
5					5	14	4	1							24
6							11	4	1						16
7							4	14	7	2					27
8								2	10	1					13
9									3	15	4				22
10										1	8	1	2		12
11											1	5	3		9
12												2	5	1	8
Total	5	27	21	17	17	18	21	21	21	19	13	8	10	1	219

**1955 GRADUATION PROGRAM**

CLASS ROLL

* RUBY BAXTER	ROBERT RICE
STEPHEN CLARK	BETTY SLAUNWHITE
SUSAN MURRAY	* HAROLD WHITE
	* DONALD WILBUR

\* High Honor and Pro Merito

FACULTY

Mr. Wilson L. Tilley, *Principal*

Mrs. Ruth Law	Mrs. Lois McHaffie
Miss Lucille Mackler	Miss Eunice Plant

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Thomas L. Warren

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Emma Vincent, *Chairman*

Mr. Burton Avery	Mr. W. Payson Stafford
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## PROGRAM

Processional	
Invocation	REV. WILLIAM H. WAKEFIELD
Co-Salutatory Address	DONALD WILBUR
Class History	SUSAN MURRAY
Song	C. H. S. CHORUS
Co-Salutatory Address	RUBY BAXTER
Class Will	BETTY SLAUNWHITE AND STEPHEN CLARK
Class Prophecy	ROBERT RICE
Commencement Address "A Budget For Your Life"	
	MR. ARTHUR E. BURKE, SUPT. SCHOOLS, TURNERS FALLS
Presentation of Class Gift	SUSAN MURRAY
Dedication of Year Book	ROBERT RICE
Valedictorian Address	HAROLD WHITE
Song	C. H. S. CHORUS
Athletic Gift	DONALD WILBUR
Presentation of Awards	
American Legion	ANDREAS ROYER, <i>Commander</i> Patrick J. Coyne Post
School Awards	WILSON L. TILLEY, <i>Principal</i>
Presentation of Diplomas	THOMAS WARREN, <i>Superintendent</i>
Class Song	words by MRS. ELEANOR PIERCE
Benediction	REV. WILLIAM H. WAKEFIELD
Recessional	
Receiving Line	

## GRADUATION AWARDS 1954

Becker College Award	RUBY BAXTER
To the student having highest grades in commercial subjects	
Readers Digest —	HAROLD WHITE
A Year's Subscription to the valedictorian of the class	
Bausch and Lomb Science Award	HAROLD WHITE
To the student having the highest grades in science	
Legion Award	DONALD WILBUR AND SUSAN MURRAY
Alumni Awards:	
For highest grades —	JOYCE WHITE AND DOUGLAS WHITE
Most improved —	BETTY SLAUNWHITE AND EDWARD HARKER
Pro Merito:	
Seniors:	RUBY BAXTER, DONALD WILBUR.
Juniors:	JAMES BISSLAND, ANN BURT, THERESA PETERS, DOUGLAS WHITE, NANCY STAFFORD

## CLASS MOTTO

*He to whom much is given of him much is expected*



CLASS COLORS

Blue and Silver

Accompanist:

Marshall:

CLASS FLOWER

Gardenia

MRS. JANET WETTERWALD, *Music Supervisor*

WINSTON HEALY, JR., *President, Class of '55*

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1954

EXPENDITURES

	Appropriation
General Control:	
School Committee Salaries .....	\$ 150.00
Supt's. Salary .....	2,380.64
Supt's. Travel .....	256.64
Supt's. Expense .....	59.04
Secretary's Salary .....	210.25
Office Rent and Expense .....	213.58
Telephone — (Union Share) .....	47.81
	—————\$ 3,317.96
Instruction:	
Principal .....	\$ 3,865.60
Teachers' Salaries .....	15,356.72
Substitutes .....	124.00
Music Supervisor .....	430.11
Art Supervisor .....	249.17
Writing Supervisor .....	270.00
Lip Reading .....	65.00
Remedial Reading .....	638.00
	—————\$ 20,998.60
Textbooks .....	\$ 803.48
Supplies .....	\$ 825.72
Janitor .....	\$ 2,343.36
Fuel .....	\$ 1,031.23
Operation:	
Lights .....	\$ 473.59
Telephone .....	149.56
Garbage Removal .....	30.60
Janitor & Lavatory Supplies .....	722.19
	—————\$ 1,375.94
Maintenance .....	\$ 541.38

Health :	
Doctor .....	\$ 200.00
First Aid .....	35.69
	—————\$ 235.69
Transportation .....	\$ 10,486.00
Vocational Transportation .....	\$ 405.25
Vocational Tuition :	
Greenfield .....	\$ 272.00
Arms Academy .....	308.73
Other .....	215.70
	—————\$ 796.43
New Equipment .....	\$ 2,339.84
Sundries :	
Coaching .....	\$ 312.64
Graduation Speaker .....	25.00
Athletic Association .....	750.00
Gfld. Recorder .....	9.20
M. S. S. P. A. ....	10.00
	—————\$ 1,106.84
Transferred by the Selectmen as result of special town meeting to the Hawlemont	
Regional School District .....	\$ 5,500.00
	—————
Total .....	\$ 52,107.72

### CREDITS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

Regular Appropriation .....	\$ 52,432.00
Amount of Appropriation Expended .....	52,107.72
Amount of Appropriation not spent .....	—————\$ 324.28

#### Reimbursements :

##### Commonwealth of Massachusetts :

Chapter 70 — General Aid .....	\$ 9,917.81
Transportation .....	9,944.90
Superintendent of Schools, Travel & Salary .....	2,053.33
Vocational Trans. & Tuition .....	697.66
State Wards, Tuition & Transportation .....	190.00

##### Tuition :

Hawley .....	1,600.00
Heath .....	1,325.00

Rowe .....	520.00
Conway .....	100.00
Other Pupils .....	380.00
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	\$ 26,728.70

### SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1954

Amount Expended for Appropriation .....	\$ 52,107.72
Total Receipts from sources other than local tax .....	26,728.70
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Net Cost to Town for support of school .....	\$ 25,379.02

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# HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

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Planning by the School Committee was not terminated by the awarding of the contract for the Regional School. The committee has met in regular and special sessions 27 times during the year, and because of the urgency of some matters, decisions were also made by telephone. The members have given much time to inspection of the building during construction and many conferences with the architect and contractor were held. It seemed advisable to make some changes in the original plans for financial reasons.

New furniture and furnishings have been chosen carefully. We were fortunate to be able to use much of the furniture from the Charlemont elementary rooms and the Hawley Schools, the latter being refinished. Adequate amounts of books and supplies were obtained to supplement those on hand.

The original plan of having eight grades in the six rooms in the Regional School seemed impractical as any plan for double grades would result in an excessive number of pupils per teacher. The Charlemont members preferred to continue departmental instruction and offered to include the seventh and eighth grade pupils from Hawley in the "Junior High School". This arrangement comprising Hawlemont Regional School, resulted in the first six grades, with six teachers in the new Regional School, the seventh and eighth grades and one teacher in the High School

The superintendent's, principal's and school nurse's offices are in the new building.

With no precedent to follow, the school committee found the making of the school budget difficult and time consuming.

The Committee hoped that the facilities of the auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria would be available for use by the citizens of the Hawlemont District without charge. The new operating budget does not provide funds to cover expenses of heat, light and janitor service beyond school activities. For the present, it seems necessary to charge a fee of \$2.00 per hour, this amount has estimated to cover the cost of heat and light, and janitor service to be paid by the organization using the new facilities.

The Hawlemont Regional School District Committee acknowledges with appreciation gifts of bleachers for the gymnasium and eye glasses for deserving children from the Charlemont Lions Club, and of a score board from the graduating classes of 1953 and 1954 of the Charlemont High School. The committee also appreciates the time, effort and advice given generously by the Superintendent and the advisory members; namely, F. Deane Carter and Harold White of Hawley, and Dr. Charles Streeter and Winston Healy of Charlemont.

Respectfully submitted,

W. PAYSON STAFFORD, Chairman  
 GERTRUDE L. OGDEN, Secretary  
 BURTON W. AVERY  
 BELLE T. BELLOWS  
 HELEN M. STILES  
 EMMA B. VINCENT

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Receipts

January 1, 1954

Cash on hand .....\$333,531.04

Received:

Interest on \$225,000.00 treasury bills .....	913.50
Town of Hawley 1/3 1953 budget .....	1,325.62
Town of Charlemont 1/3 1953 budget .....	4,986.88
Interest on \$125,000.00 treasury bills .....	336.25
Interest on \$50,000.00 treasury bills .....	78.00
Town of Charlemont cafeteria funds .....	330.85
State Treasurer, reimbursement and aid	
construction of school projects .....	8,757.98
Town of Charlemont 2/3 1953 budget .....	9,973.75
Town of Hawley 2/3 1953 budget .....	2,651.25

Town of Hawley 1954 budget .....	4,265.52
Town of Charlemont, 1954 budget .....	10,626.50
Town of Rowe, tuition .....	420.00
Perry Brackett, tuition .....	60.00
Wilson L. Tilley, cafeteria funds .....	1,144.76
	—————\$379,401.90

**Disbursements**

Paid:

School Committee's, payrolls .....	\$338,403.88
Cafeteria, payrolls .....	961.58
Available funds, Hawlemont School .....	39,522.41
Available funds, cafeteria .....	514.03
	—————\$379,401.90

Respectfully submitted,

F. DEANE CARTER,  
Treasurer.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

I have this day audited the books of F. Deane Carter, Treasurer of the Hawlemont Regional School, and find them correct, and that he has received during the year the sum of \$379,401.90, and that he has paid School Committee's payrolls of \$338,403.88, and Cafeteria payrolls of \$961.58, and he has available funds of \$40,036.44.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL D. RICE,  
Auditor Town of Hawley.



# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL AND DISTRICT NURSE

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The public health nursing program of Charlemont, Hawley, Heath and Rowe continued this year with its aim to promote health, prevent disease and deformity and care for the sick.

School physical examinations were given by Dr. Samuel J. Galbo, school physician. Except for some minor defects and the need for dental care, the children were found to be in quite good health. The well being of children depends greatly on nutrition. "A good breakfast is the foundation for a good day."

Films were shown in the schools to interest the pupils in nutrition and encourage better dental care. Vitamin A and D capsules were available to all school children and may be obtained throughout the school year. They help toward better health during the season of colds and lowered resistance to disease.

The fine Health Room in the new Hawlemont School was prepared for health services and emergencies. When a child does not feel well or has a fresh cut or abrasion attention is given. Sick children or those having suspicious contagious conditions are taken home. It has been found that in keeping a child home from school, and in bed, when symptoms of a cold are noticeable that complications may be prevented. Such an individual or a coughing child can easily spread a cold to other pupils in the school room.

Vision testing was done in the schools. Retesting pupils who failed the test proved the need for examination by an eye specialist. Parents of these pupils were notified.

"How much have I gained?" This question I often hear at weighing and measuring time in the schools. It is a fine thing to have them becoming health conscious. Gain in weight is greatest in the schools with a hot lunch program.

All pupils were negative to the T. B. patch test given to the first and third year pupils in the Charlemont High School.

Hearing tests were given in the schools by Mrs. Beda Langevin. A new technique in testing by using a new model audiometer resulted in a more thorough individual test for all children in the school union. Only one child was found this fall with a marked hearing loss. Classes were given in lip reading and the correction of defective speech.

Communicable diseases were few, with none spreading through the schools. At one time we were concerned with a contact to a possible ty-

phoid fever case. Precautions were taken at home and in the school. All went well, but it was best to be on the safe side.

A modified Red Cross Home Nursing course was given to the Junior and Senior High School girls. Nursing care for the sick and helpless patient in the home was demonstrated and practiced in the class room.

The annual Well Child Conferences were held in July. Dr. M. B. Low examined each child and discussed with the mother the child's special needs or correction of abnormal conditions, referring to the family doctor for care. Mrs. George Coombs was the nutritionist. Essential foods for the health of the child and family were suggested to the mothers. Mrs. Robert McIntosh, Jr., the dental hygienist, examined the children's teeth and talked with the parents about correction of defects. A well balanced diet, with plenty of so-called protective foods, will help greatly to build sound teeth. The number attending the conferences were: Charlemont 97 — Hawley 27 — Heath 24 and Rowe 19.

Home visits were made to the parents of infants and preschoolers to talk about the child's health — to discuss diet, rest and to encourage medical supervision.

To the Greenfield Health Camp went children from the 4 Towns — 3 boys and 3 girls. Here they have excellent care, good food and extra rest. Health is the main factor but they have a fine time as well.

There were 7 children taken for dental care through the Dental Clinic. This service included a total of 34 fillings, 7 extractions and 17 x-rays.

**TOTAL VISITS TO THE TOWNS**

<b>CHARLEMONT</b>		<b>HAWLEY</b>	
Schools .....	207	School .....	32
School Home .....	77	Hawlemont School .....	55
Nursing .....	320	School Home .....	48
New Born .....	6	Nursing .....	36
Infant .....	36	Delivery .....	1
Preschool .....	156	New Born .....	6
Prenatal .....	13	Infant .....	12
Postnatal .....	4	Preschool .....	43
Adult Health .....	41	Prenatal .....	5
Other .....	30	Postnatal .....	3
Not in .....	25	Adult Health .....	8
		Other .....	4
		Not in .....	5
<b>ROWE</b>		<b>HEATH</b>	
School .....	38	School .....	43
School Home .....	21	School Home .....	30

Nursing .....	159	Nursing .....	17
Infant .....	4	New Born .....	1
Preschool .....	35	Infant .....	18
Prenatal .....	2	Preschool .....	71
Adult Health .....	18	Prenatal .....	4
Other .....	7	Postnatal .....	1
Not in .....	4	Adult Health .....	8
		Other .....	12
		Not in .....	5

May we sincerely thank the following organizations for their contributions that help greatly in our health work for the children:

- Heath Ladies Aid — \$16.27 for the Dental Fund
- Charlemont Lions Club — \$20.00 for children for the Health Camp
- Charlemont Lions Club — for paying for eye examination and glasses for needy children

I do so appreciate the thoughtfulness and help that so many of the folks in the towns have given me. I would like to thank them all — the Committee of the Western Franklin Public Health District, the Superintendent of Schools, the Principal, the Teachers, the Custodians, the 22 Well Child Conference workers and my helpers at the Diabetic Finding Clinic.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY MOREHOUSE, R. N.

District Nurse

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## REPORT OF THE WESTERN FRANKLIN PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

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### OFFICERS

<i>Chairman</i>	J. Henry Stanford
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Frederick W. Burrington
<i>Secretary</i>	Anne G. Bond
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mrs. Mary L. Carpenter

Much has been accomplished in the District this year for better health. Several children have had dental care which includes extractions, fillings and X-rays. Transportation was provided by our nurse.

Vitamin capsules A and B were distributed at replacement cost, to the children. These capsules are a great help in the control of colds and every child should make use of them.

The Well Child Clinic held this summer was well attended.

We wish to thank the various organizations for their generous gifts which enable us to further our effort to better the health of our children.

We also wish to thank Miss Dorothy Morehouse for her untiring effort to make the district a success.

Following is our budget for 1955.

Nurse's Salary .....	\$ 3,300.00
Mileage .....	550.00
Supplies .....	200.00
Telephone .....	100.00
Rent .....	300.00
Treasurer's Salary .....	75.00
Dental Work .....	200.00
	\$ 4,725.00
From cash in the Treasury .....	- 700.00
	\$ 4,025.00

#### Towns' Share

Charlemont	53%	.....	\$ 2,133.25
Hawley	15%	.....	603.75
Heath	19%	.....	764.75
Rowe	13%	.....	523.25
			\$ 4,025.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. HENRY STANFORD,  
Clerk.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER

Receipts :

Balance January 1, 1954 .....	\$ 1,189.45
Town of Charlemont .....	\$ 1,950.00
Town of Heath .....	699.20
Town of Hawley .....	552.00
Town of Rowe .....	478.40
	\$ 3,679.60

Nurse's Fees collected .....	365.00	
Withholding Tax collected .....	441.60	
Capsules .....	82.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 889.10
Contributions to dental fund:		
Heath Ladies' Aid .....	16.27	
	<hr/>	\$ 16.27
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Total Receipts .....		\$ 5,774.42

Disbursements :

Nurse's Salary .....	\$ 3,139.92	
Nurse's Mileage .....	522.78	
Telephone .....	91.55	
Supplies .....	87.61	
Treasurer's Bond .....	5.00	
Vitamin Capsules .....	63.90	
Dental Program .....	149.00	
Dinners .....	17.38	
Office Rent .....	300.00	
Treasurer's Salary .....	75.00	
Withholding Tax deducted .....	441.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,893.74
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Balance carried forward to 1955 .....		\$ 880.68

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER,  
Treasurer.



# REPORT OF THE WESTERN FRANKLIN WELFARE DISTRICT

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The year 1954 has had a new medical plan put into effect with several changes, including prior authorizations and rigid fee schedules. Also a change in the statistical reporting has increased the clerical work of the office.

The case load and payments on Old Age Assistance have been lower this year but Disability Assistance and General Relief cases have increased to somewhat offset this. There has been a lot of time spent and work done on the rehabilitation of the Disability and General Relief cases.

The following is a statistical analysis of the District's activities:

Number of applications taken:	21
	denied 1
Number of home visits made:	208
	no one at home 8
Number of office visits:	26
Number of visits from State Area Representatives:	19
Number of days State Auditor at office:	13
Number of Welfare Association Meetings attended:	4
Number of visits not classified as revisits: (Re: Hospital, Employment Office, Town Treasurers, Clerks and Board Members, Attorney's Office and Court)	65
Number of evening Board Meetings attended:	12

## CHARLEMONT LOAD ANALYSIS

Month	Old Age Assistance			Aid to Dependent Children			Disability Assistance			General Relief		
	Totals	Med.	No. Cases	Totals	Med.	No. Cases	Totals	Med.	No. Cases	Totals	Med.	No. Cases
Jan. '54*	\$ 907.53	\$ 123.43	28	\$ 21.65		1	\$ 26.40		1	\$ 65.00		1
Feb.	1,688.25	120.05	28	31.10		1	52.80		1	565.88	\$500.88	2
Mar.	1,644.33	103.13	28	31.10		1	65.90	\$ 13.10	1	130.25	65.25	2
Apr.	1,951.46	398.91	27 1-C	31.10		1	42.90		1	65.00		1
May	1,714.90	192.40	26 1-C	31.10		1	50.90	8.00	1	65.00		1
June	1,645.63	123.13	26	31.10		1	42.90		1	115.00		2
July	1,747.93	171.03	27 1-N	31.10		1	42.90		1	105.00		2
Aug.	2,241.60	681.00	27	31.10		1	110.37		2 1-N	86.15	11.10	3
Sept.	1,767.02	203.32	26 1-C	31.10		1	100.90	3.00	2	254.46	40.85	4
Oct.	1,686.55	120.15	27 1-N	40.10	\$9.00	1	220.75	33.35	3 1-N	169.51	64.12	5
Nov.	1,673.25	116.75	27	31.10		1	277.81	90.41	3	138.06	5.46	3
Dec.	1,654.47	101.65	28 1-N	116.15		2 1-N	293.05	100.80	3	192.01	14.70	4
Jan. '55*	950.54		28	43.90		2	80.90		3			
	\$21,273.46	\$ 2,454.95	31	\$501.70	\$9.00	2	\$1,408.48	\$248.66	3	\$1,951.32	\$702.36	10

Paid other Towns on OAA \$506.14

Paid other Towns on GR \$ 37.40

\*For 1/2 month

C: Closed Cases

N: New Cases

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance brought forward from Dec. 31, 1953 .....	\$ 1,425.08	
Town appropriations:		
Charlemont .....	627.26	
Hawley .....	181.56	
Heath .....	222.85	
Monroe .....	125.85	
Rowe .....	237.28	
Federal Grant Administration:		
District OAA .....	1,754.86	
District ADC .....	207.24	
District DA .....	162.23	
State Administration:		
District OAA .....	1,169.91	
District ADC .....	138.16	
District DA .....	108.15	
District GR .....	97.56	
Withholding Tax .....	577.20	
Franklin County Retirement .....	261.00	
Phyllis L. Heist, Agent .....	\$ 3,120.00	
Phyllis L. Heist, Transportation .....	236.17	
Edith B. Lynch, Clerk .....	2,100.00	
Mary L. Carpenter, Treasurer .....	50.00	
Bond for Treasurer .....	5.00	
Telephone .....	105.60	
Town of Charlemont, rent .....	300.00	
Postage, mail box rent, registered letters .....	91.52	
Office Supplies .....	74.33	
Repair of Equipment .....	18.50	
Assessed share — Franklin County Retirement .....	255.52	
Withholding — Franklin County Retirement .....	261.00	
Withholding — Federal Tax .....	577.20	
Miscellaneous expenses .....	31.50	
Credit balance carried forward to Jan. 1, 1955 .....	69.85	
	\$ 7,296.19	\$ 7,296.19

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS L. HEIST,

Agent.

I hereby certify the foregoing report to be a true statement of the financial transactions of the Western Franklin Welfare District for the year 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER,

Treasurer.

# TOWN OF CHARLEMONT — BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1954

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:		Collector's Fees	\$ 29.95
Accounts Receivable:		Tailings	19.00
Taxes:		Leonard School Fund — Income	488.33
Levy of 1951:		Federal Grants:	
Real Estate		Disability Assistance - Assistance	\$ 47.57
Levy of 1952:		Aid to Dependent Children - Aid	29.57
Poll	\$ 8.00	Old Age Assistance - Assistance	437.42
Personal Property	77.08		_____ \$ 514.56
Real Estate	447.12		
	_____ \$ 532.20	School Athletic Activities	373.75
Levy of 1953:		Appropriation Balances:	
Poll	\$ 12.00	Civilian Defense	\$ 500.00
Personal Property	285.38	State Census	150.00
Real Estate	1,054.12		_____ \$ 650.00
	_____ \$ 1,351.50		
Levy of 1954:		Overestimates 1954:	
Poll	\$ 56.00	State Parks & Reservations Tax	\$ .72
Personal Property	824.20	County Tax	720.07
Real Estate	4,654.00	Western Franklin Health District	.40
	_____ \$ 5,534.20		_____ \$ 721.19

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:					
Levy of 1952	\$	14.07			
Levy of 1953		69.94			
Levy of 1954		1,684.54			
		<u>          </u>	\$	1,768.55	
Taxes on Estates of Deceased					
Persons	\$			368.88	
Departmental:					
Aid to Dependent Children	\$	44.48			
Old Age Assistance		276.83			
Veteran's Services		34.30			
Schools		410.00			
		<u>          </u>	\$	765.61	
Aid to Highways:					
State	\$	13,060.53			
County		4,000.00			
		<u>          </u>	\$	17,060.53	
Dog Officer — Due from County					21.50
Overdrawn Appropriations:					
Highways					
Chapter 81	\$	3,060.53			
Chapter 90, Construction		4,000.00			
		<u>          </u>	\$	7,060.53	
					<u>          </u>
					\$ 79,111.13
Road Machinery Earnings					12,305.70
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus					3,430.75
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:					
Levy of 1951	\$			57.80	
Levy of 1952				532.20	
Levy of 1953				1,351.50	
Levy of 1954				1,306.41	
				<u>          </u>	\$ 3,247.91
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:					
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	\$			1,768.55	
Special Tax				368.88	
Departmental				765.61	
Aid to Highway				17,060.53	
				<u>          </u>	\$ 19,963.57
Surplus Revenue					\$ 37,366.42



## TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds:		
Cash and Securities:		
In Custody of Town		
Treasurer	\$ 14,237.26	\$ 2,869.00
In Custody of First National		1,000.00
Bank & Trust Co., Greenfield		1,000.00
	6,089.11	6,680.08
		1,000.00
		1,688.18
		<u>\$ 14,237.25</u>
		6,089.11
		<u>6,089.11</u>
		\$ 20,326.37

# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT, 1954

## RECEIPTS

General Cash in Treasury, January 1, 1954 .....	\$ 56,348.85
Advertisements .....	21.05
B. & M. R. R. Material for forest fire .....	59.20
District Court Fines .....	70.00
Telephone .....	.15
School Desks .....	49.75
Refunds .....	1,042.08
Western Franklin Welfare District Postage .....	9.00
F. W. Hawkes, Library Fund Interest .....	20.10
Stanton Kendrick, Sealer's Fees .....	43.10
Unclaimed Fire Checks .....	19.00
Hawley Christmas Fund .....	14.99
Potter Cemetery Fund Interest .....	30.23
Sears Cemetery Fund Interest .....	15.11
Mantor Cemetery Fund Interest .....	15.11
Maxwell Library Fund Interest .....	30.23
F. M. Legate, Cemetery Fund, care of lot .....	4.00
S. W. Hawkes, Cemetery Fund, care of lot .....	3.00
Mrs. Tanner, Library Fines .....	3.44
All Alcoholic Licenses .....	1,500.00
All Alcoholic Seasonal Licenses .....	700.00
Package Store Licenses .....	700.00
Club License .....	250.00
All other Licenses and Permits .....	173.50
Withholding Tax .....	4,168.62
County of Franklin Retirement .....	688.22
Town Hall .....	598.83
Tyler Memorial Fund Interest .....	222.27
Tyler Memorial Home Income .....	180.00
Town Clerk, Dog Licenses .....	268.40
Fire Department Receipts .....	3,357.66
County Treasurer Dog License Refund .....	261.17
State Treasurer, Reimbursement for lost taxes .....	850.50
State Treasurer, Veteran's Services .....	805.70
State Treasurer, Income Tax .....	4,972.81
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax .....	3,698.77
State Treasurer, O. A. A. Meal Tax .....	740.61
State Treasurer, Live Stock Disease Control .....	37.50
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	\$ 81,972.95

## SCHOOLS

State Treasurer, School Supt. 1953 .....	\$ 2,053.33
State Treasurer, School Supt. 1954 .....	2,053.33
State Treasurer, School Aid .....	4,900.00
State Treasurer, Vocational Education .....	697.66
State Treasurer, Transportation .....	9,944.90
State Treasurer, Chapter 70 .....	2,400.00
School Dept. Refunds .....	70.80
Town of Heath, Tuition .....	1,325.00
Town of Rowe, Tuition .....	520.00
Town of Hawley, Tuition .....	1,600.00
Town of Conway, Tuition .....	100.00
Stephen Leonard School Fund Interest .....	75.19
Henry Sears, Tuition .....	298.50
Perry Bracket, Tuition .....	90.00
Spafford Martindale, Tuition .....	150.00
Jeanette Rich, Tuition .....	40.00
High School Athletic Funds .....	894.15
School Lunch Cafeteria Funds .....	3,708.08
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	\$ 30,920.94

## HIGHWAYS

State Treasurer, Chapter 81 .....	\$ 14,438.97
Loan in Anticipation of State reimbursement .....	12,000.00
State Treasurer, Chapter 90 .....	4,000.00
State Treasurer, Chapter 90 .....	2,000.00
County Treasurer, Chapter 90 .....	2,000.00
County Treasurer, Chapter 90 .....	2,000.00
Machinery Earnings .....	7,356.15
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	\$ 43,795.12

## INTEREST

Savings Bank Account A, Interest .....	\$ 138.83
Savings Bank Account B, Interest .....	96.78
Savings Bank Account C, Interest .....	15.00
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	\$ 250.61

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer, O.A.A. Federal .....	\$ 10,174.81
State Treasurer, O.A.A. State .....	7,473.72
State Treasurer, A.D.C. Federal .....	234.00

State Treasurer, A.D.C. State .....	1,136.93
State Treas., Disability Assistance, Federal .....	588.70
State Treas., Disability Assistance, State .....	131.84
Town of Shelburne, O.A.A. ....	125.98
Town of Rowe, O.A.A. ....	317.01
Town of Buckland, O.A.A. ....	91.04
Town of Deerfield, O.A.A. ....	79.40
O.A.A. Refunds .....	82.25
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	\$ 20,435.68

**TAXES**

1948 Poll .....	\$ 4.00
1948 Personal .....	2.44
1949 Poll .....	6.00
1951 Poll .....	6.00
1951 Motor Excise .....	39.28
1952 Poll .....	16.00
1952 Real Estate .....	344.70
1952 Motor Excise .....	152.55
1953 Poll .....	16.00
1953 Personal .....	171.42
1953 Real Estate .....	2,636.46
1953 Motor Excise .....	1,298.93
1954 Poll .....	400.00
1954 Personal .....	6,749.20
1954 Real Estate .....	48,093.54
1954 Motor Excise .....	6,097.11
Warrants .....	6.50
Demands .....	24.15
Interest .....	155.99
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	\$ 66,220.27
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	\$243,595.57

**PAYMENTS**

Selectmen's Warrants .....	\$147,883.56
School Department Warrants .....	46,607.72
School Cafeteria Warrants .....	3,905.02
School Athletic Warrants .....	609.44
General Cash in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1954 .....	44,589.83
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	\$243,595.57

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER,  
Treasurer.

## TOWN FUNDS HELD BY TREASURER

December 31, 1954

Fred W. Hawkes Library Fund .....	\$ 1,000.00
Maxwell Library Fund .....	1,000.00
F. L. Tyler Memorial Library Income Fund .....	3,280.08
Stephen Leonard School Fund .....	2,869.00
Potter Cemetery Fund .....	1,000.00
Jennie Z. and Lewis Sears Cemetery Fund .....	500.00
Moses Mantor and Josiah Lyman Cemetery Fund .....	500.00
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund .....	283.73
Frank M. Legate Cemetery Fund .....	218.71
Philemon Rice Cemetery Fund .....	185.74

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER,  
Treasurer.

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## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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1951 Taxes Outstanding:

Real Estate ..... \$ 57.80

1952 Taxes Outstanding:

Poll ..... \$ 8.00  
Personal Property ..... 77.08  
Real Estate ..... 447.12  
Motor Excise ..... 14.07  
————— \$ 546.27

1953 Taxes Outstanding:

Poll ..... \$ 12.00  
Personal Property ..... 285.38  
Real Estate ..... 1,054.12  
Motor Excise ..... 70.78  
————— \$ 1,422.28

1954 Taxes Outstanding:

Poll ..... \$ 50.00  
Personal Property ..... 877.60  
Real Estate ..... 4,653.80  
Motor Excise ..... 1,628.95  
————— \$ 7,210.35

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER W. WILLIS



# TOWN EXPENDITURES

## CHAPTER 81

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 2,350.00	
State Contract .....	12,925.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 1,771.50
Labor Payroll .....		5,792.90
Town Equipment .....		2,406.00
Hired Equipment .....		1,769.30
Gravel and Grit .....		561.29
Culverts .....		913.22
Tar .....		1,340.86
Cement and Chloride .....		577.36
Miscellaneous Materials .....		142.57
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	\$ 15,275.00	\$ 15,275.00

## CHAPTER 90, Construction, South River Road

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 2,000.00	
State Contract .....	8,000.00	
County Contract .....	2,000.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 345.00
Labor Payroll .....		2,307.10
Town Equipment .....		1,460.70
Hired Equipment .....		5,581.50
Culverts .....		1,223.09
Chloride .....		99.12
Spikes .....		498.00
Gravel .....		485.49
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	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00

## CHAPTER 90, Maintenance

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 2,000.00	
State Contract .....	2,000.00	
County Contract .....	2,000.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 360.00
Labor Payroll .....		1,392.25
Town Equipment .....		940.00
Hired Equipment .....		172.47
Culverts .....		276.98

Tar and Grits .....		2,740.73
Miscellaneous Materials .....		117.57
	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00

**'BRIDGE REPAIR, GUARD RAIL AND STREET SIGNS**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 500.00	
Superintendent .....		\$ 114.00
Labor Payroll .....		347.20
Town Equipment .....		28.80
Welding .....		10.00
	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

**MACHINERY**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 8,000.00	
Northern Berkshire Electric Co. ....		\$ 12.00
Superintendent .....		30.00
Labor Payroll .....		99.00
Christine Turner — rent .....		300.00
Gasoline .....		1,293.32
Oil .....		50.60
Diesel Oil .....		69.71
Miscellaneous Parts and Supplies .....		1,050.00
Miscellaneous Repairs .....		993.69
Lubrication .....		89.19
Registration Fees .....		15.00
Tires and Tubes .....		693.50
Halligan and Warner .....		42.04
Snow Plow .....		540.00
H. B. Allen — Truck .....		2,445.27
Credit Balance .....		276.68
	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00

**SNOW, ROADS AND BRIDGES**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 6,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	97.33	
Superintendent .....		\$ 985.50
Labor Payroll .....		2,947.75
Town Equipment .....		1,883.50
Sand .....		139.50
Chloride .....		141.08
	\$ 6,097.33	\$ 6,097.33

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 500.00	
Federal Grant balance brought forward		
from 1953 .....	47.27	
Federal Grants for 1954 .....	234.00	
2 Cases .....		\$ 501.70
Credit balance Town Appropriation .....		250.00
Federal Grant balance carried forward		
to January 1, 1955 .....		29.57
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	\$ 781.27	\$ 781.27

### DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 350.00	
Special Town Meeting 10-5-'54 transferred		
from OAA .....	500.00	
Federal Grant balance brought forward		
from 1953 .....	100.77	
Federal Grants for 1954 .....	588.70	
3 Cases .....		\$ 1,408.48
Credit balance Town Appropriation .....		83.42
Federal Grant balance carried forward		
to January 1, 1955 .....		47.57
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	\$ 1,539.47	\$ 1,539.47

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 14,000.00	
Federal Grant balance brought forward		
from 1953 .....	3,024.63	
Federal Grants for 1954 .....	10,174.81	
2 Cancelled checks to Federal Grant .....	49.31	
28 Cases .....		\$ 21,779.60
Transferred at a Special Town Meeting on		
10-5-'54 (GR \$700 & DA \$500) .....		1,200.00
Credit balance Town Appropriation .....		3,831.73
Federal Grant balance carried forward		
to January 1, 1955 .....		437.42
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	\$ 27,248.75	\$ 27,248.75

### WELFARE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,500.00	
Special Town Meeting 10-5-'54 transferred		
from OAA .....	700.00	

10 Cases .....	\$ 1,988.72
Credit balance Town Appropriation .....	211.28
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	\$ 2,200.00 \$ 2,200.00

**VETERAN'S BENEFITS**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 2,400.00
5 Cases .....	\$ 1,657.80
Credit Balance .....	742.20
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	\$ 2,400.00 \$ 2,400.00

**WESTERN FRANKLIN WELFARE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 563.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	64.26
Western Franklin Welfare District .....	\$ 627.26
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	\$ 627.26 \$ 627.26

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 350.00
Mrs. Vesta Coombs, Well Child Conference .....	\$ 60.00
Roslyn McIntosh, Well Child Conference .....	45.00
Dr. Merritt B. Low, Well Child Conference .....	140.00
Town Dump: Superintendent .....	18.00
Town Dump: Labor Payroll .....	21.25
Town Dump: Town Equipment .....	57.50
Credit Balance .....	8.25
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	\$ 350.00 \$ 350.00

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE**

Western Franklin Public Health District .....	\$ 1,950.00
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**TOWN HALL**

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,800.00
Salary of Janitor .....	\$ 720.00
Northern Berkshire Electric Company .....	184.64
Charlemont Oil Company .....	620.82
Repairs .....	138.65
Supplies .....	35.03
Commissioner of Public Safety, Boiler Inspection ....	10.00
Credit Balance .....	90.86
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	\$ 1,800.00 \$ 1,800.00

**TOWN HALL — REDECORATION**

Town Appropriation .....	\$	200.00	
Homer S. Tanner .....			\$ 158.85
Credit Balance .....			41.15
		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00

**OFFICERS SALARIES**

Town Appropriation .....	\$	4,600.00	
Salary of Selectmen .....			\$ 900.00
Salary of Town Clerk .....			350.00
Salary of Treasurer .....			650.00
Salary of Tax Collector .....			600.00
Salary of Clerk Assessor .....			350.00
Salary of Two Assessors .....			500.00
Salary of Sealer of Weights and Measures.....			75.00
Salary of Fire Chief .....			100.00
Salary of Chief of Police .....			15.00
Inspection of Animals .....			75.00
Inspection of Slaughtering .....			47.03
Dog Officer .....			15.00
Constable — Posting of Warrants .....			8.00
Moderator .....			10.00
Salary of Town Historian .....			600.00
Ballot Clerks and Tellers .....			100.00
Office Clerk — Beda A. Langevin .....			164.50
Credit Balance .....			40.47
		\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,600.00

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Town Appropriation .....	\$	1,650.00	
From Boston & Maine Railroad .....		3,317.66	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....		550.00	
Northern Berkshire Electric Company .....			\$ 26.00
Charlemont Oil Company .....			183.32
Labor Payroll .....			3,590.41
Insurance on Firemen .....			178.50
Equipment .....			491.98
Repairs .....			879.72
Lubrication .....			7.73
Boiler Inspection .....			10.00
Swimming Classes .....			150.00
		\$ 5,517.66	\$ 5,517.66

### DOG OFFICER EXPENSES

Dog Officer Expenses .....	\$	21.50
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### COLLECTOR'S DEMANDS

Tax Collector's Demands .....	\$	24.15
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### REPAYMENT OF TEMPORARY LOAN

Shelburne Falls National Bank .....	\$	12,000.00
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### MISCELLANEOUS

Town Appropriation .....	\$	1,600.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....		250.00	
Selectmen's Expense .....	\$	174.01	
Town Clerk's Expense .....		29.38	
Town Treasurer's Expense .....		99.50	
Assessor's Expense .....		140.97	
Tax Collector's Expense .....		135.48	
Sheriff's Expense .....		150.67	
Sealer's Expense .....		9.38	
Recorder Gazette .....		46.80	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....		104.50	
Office Expense .....		4.80	
Frank J. Wells — Water Rent .....		35.00	
Avis Churchill — Water Rent .....		6.00	
Printing Town Reports and Postage .....		621.16	
Printing Ballots .....		24.50	
Director of Accounts .....		2.00	
W. D. Pierson .....		2.46	
Interest — Money borrowed for Chapter 81 .....		73.39	
Credit Balance .....		190.00	
	\$	1,850.00	\$ 1,850.00

### RESERVE FUND

Town Appropriation .....	\$	2,000.00	
Fairgrounds Maintenance .....	\$	200.00	
Fire Department .....		550.00	
Miscellaneous .....		250.00	
Franklin Welfare District Administration .....		64.26	
Snow, Roads & Bridges .....		97.33	
Credit Balance .....		838.41	
	\$	2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00



**GYPSY MOTH AND DUTCH ELM SUPPRESSION**

Town Appropriation .....	\$	600.00		
Maps and Tape .....			\$	1.75
W. D. Pierson .....				7.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts .....				156.64
Credit Balance .....				434.61
	\$	600.00	\$	600.00

**EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND**

Town Appropriation .....	\$	722.36		
Franklin County Retirement System .....			\$	722.36
	\$	722.36	\$	722.36

**LIBRARY**

Town Appropriation .....	\$	500.00		
Librarian's Salary .....			\$	250.00
The Personal Book Shop .....				145.72
Blanche Hunt — books .....				17.00
Magazine Subscriptions .....				58.10
Gaylord Brothers, Inc. ....				10.65
G. & C. Merriam Co. ....				6.99
Credit Balance .....				11.54
	\$	500.00	\$	500.00

**TYLER LIBRARY**

Town Appropriation .....	\$	180.00		
Credit Balance .....			\$	180.00
	\$	180.00	\$	180.00

**INTEREST ON LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS**

From Maxwell Library Fund .....	\$	30.23		
From Fred W. Hawkes Fund .....		20.10		
The Personal Book Shop .....			\$	50.33
	\$	50.33	\$	50.33

**TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND**

Deposit in Savings Account for 1953 .....			\$	386.26
Deposit in Savings Account for 1954 .....				402.27
			\$	788.53

### STREET LIGHTS

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,158.00	
Northern Berkshire Electric Co. ....		\$ 1,156.50
Credit Balance .....		1.50
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	\$ 1,158.00	\$ 1,158.00

### TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 530.28	
Beda A. Langevin Insurance Agency .....		\$ 530.28
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	\$ 530.28	\$ 530.28

### LIABILITY INSURANCE ON TOWN VEHICLES

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 297.35	
Halligan & Warner Agency .....		\$ 297.35
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	\$ 297.35	\$ 297.35

### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,000.00	
H. A. Hicks Insurance Agency .....		\$ 459.92
Beda A. Langevin Insurance Agency .....		500.00
Credit Balance .....		40.08
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	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

### BONDING TOWN OFFICERS

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 117.75	
H. A. Hicks Insurance Agency .....		\$ 117.75
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	\$ 117.75	\$ 117.75

### LEGION ROOMS

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 360.00	
D. A. Lanoue — Rent .....		\$ 360.00
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	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00

### MEMORIAL DAY

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 125.00	
Sawyer News Co. — Flags .....		\$ 39.00
Mrs. Harry Clark — Wreaths .....		35.00
Credit Balance .....		51.00
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	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00

**CHRISTMAS FUND**

Town Appropriation .....	\$	100.00		
Eva Porrovecchio .....			\$	6.40
H. & R. Market .....				6.09
A. L. Avery & Son .....				6.37
W. D. Pierson .....				7.24
Cariddi Sales Co. ....				71.82
Credit Balance .....				2.08
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	\$	100.00	\$	100.00

**WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERAN'S SERVICE CENTER**

Western Franklin Veteran's Service Center .....	\$	308.00
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**EAST CHARLEMONT SCHOOL**

Town Appropriation .....	\$	25.00		
Northern Berkshire Electric Co. ....			\$	1.00
Credit Balance .....				24.00
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	\$	25.00	\$	25.00

**HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Town Appropriation .....	\$	25,587.13		
Hawlemont Regional School District .....			\$	25,587.13
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	\$	25,587.13	\$	25,587.13

**OLD CEMETERIES**

Town Appropriation .....	\$	35.00		
Labor Payroll .....			\$	18.90
Credit Balance .....				16.10
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	\$	35.00	\$	35.00

**CEMETERY FUNDS**

Treasurer, Leavitt Cemetery .....	\$	7.00		
Treasurer, Village Cemetery .....				60.45
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			\$	67.45

**BRIDGE NOTE AND INTEREST**

Town Appropriation .....	\$	1,010.00		
National Shawmut Bank of Boston .....			\$	1,010.00
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	\$	1,010.00	\$	1,010.00

**FAIRGROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Town Appropriation .....	\$	300.00		
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....		200.00		
Robert Pratt .....			\$	241.90
D. A. Lanoue .....				83.80
E. W. Damon .....				125.00
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc. ....				38.23
Stone .....				10.50
Credit Balance .....				.57
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	\$	500.00	\$	500.00

**WITHHOLDING TAX**

Collector of Internal Revenue .....	\$	4,203.27
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**FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT FUND**

Franklin County Retirement System .....	\$	688.22
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**STATE AND COUNTY TAXES**

State Treasurer, Parks and Reservations .....	\$	182.33
State Treasurer, Auditing Town Accounts .....		824.20
County Treasurer, Dog Licenses .....		268.40
County Treasurer, County Tax .....		4,390.06
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	\$	5,664.99

**MOTOR EXCISE REFUNDS**

3 Refunds for 1953 Tax .....	\$	15.54
12 Refunds for 1954 Tax .....		104.04
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	\$	119.04

**REAL ESTATE REFUNDS**

1 Refund for 1954 Tax .....	\$	8.00
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**POLL TAX REFUNDS**

1 Refund for 1953 Tax .....	\$	2.04
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**CIVILIAN DEFENSE**

Town Appropriation, carried forward from 1952 .....	\$	500.00		
Credit Balance, carried forward to 1955 .....			\$	500.00
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	\$	500.00	\$	500.00

## RECAPITULATION

Snow, Roads & Bridges .....	\$ 6,097.33
Chapter 81 .....	15,275.00
Chapter 90 South River Road .....	12,000.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance .....	6,000.00
Bridge Repair, Guard Rail & Street Signs .....	500.00
Machinery .....	7,723.32
Fairgrounds Maintenance .....	499.43
Welfare .....	1,988.72
Veteran's Benefits .....	1,657.80
Disability Assistance .....	1,408.48
Old Age Assistance .....	21,779.60
Aid to Dependent Children .....	501.70
Western Franklin Welfare District Administration .....	627.26
Board of Health .....	341.75
Western Franklin Public Health District .....	1,950.00
Town Hall .....	1,709.14
Town Hall — Redecoration .....	158.85
Officers' Salaries .....	4,559.53
Fire Department .....	5,517.66
Fire Department — Water Holes .....	781.23
Street Lights .....	1,156.50
Legion Rooms .....	360.00
Employees Retirement Fund .....	722.36
Library .....	538.79
Tyler Memorial Library Fund .....	402.27
Town Property Insurance .....	530.28
Liability Insurance on Town Vehicles .....	297.35
Workmen's Compensation Insurance .....	959.92
Bonding Town Officers .....	117.75
Bridge Note and Interest .....	1,010.00
Gypsy Moth and Dutch Elm Suppression .....	165.39
Memorial Day .....	74.00
Christmas Fund .....	97.92
Old Cemeteries .....	18.90
East Charlemont School .....	1.00
Hawlemont Regional School District .....	25,587.13
Miscellaneous .....	1,660.00
Withholding Tax .....	4,203.27
Franklin County Retirement Fund .....	688.22
Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center .....	308.00
Cemetery Funds .....	67.45
State and County Taxes .....	5,664.99
Dog Officer Expenses .....	21.50

Collector's Demands .....	24.15
Repayment of Temporary Loan .....	12,000.00
Motor Excise Refunds .....	119.58
Real Estate Refunds .....	8.00
Poll Tax Refunds .....	2.04
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	\$147,883.56









# MACHINERY EARNINGS - TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

	Sn. Rds. & Brds. \$	Chap. 81 \$	Chap. 90C So. River \$	Chap. 90 Main. \$	Board of Health	Br. Rep., Gd. Rail & St. Signs \$
Truck #1 Int.	73.50	401.00	171.70	115.00		14.00
Truck #2 Mack	522.00	565.50	312.00	316.50		
Truck #3 Int.	456.00	280.50	309.00	186.00	10.50	
Tr. 1, T-D Snow Plow	80.00					
Tr. 2, T-D Bulldozer	54.00	190.00	410.00		35.00	
Tr. 3, Farnall M.	184.50	354.00		12.00		
Tr. 4, 0-88	224.00	424.00	248.00	254.00	12.00	
Tr. Plow #3	58.50					
Tr. Plow #4	18.00					
Tr. Plow #6	75.00					
Tr. Plow #7	4.00					
Sander #1	67.00	14.00		11.50		
Sander #2	67.00	11.00		6.00		
Scraper		123.00		4.00		
Cement Mixer		10.00		14.00		
Roller		4.00		5.00		
Chain Saw		29.00	10.00			14.80
Maintainer				16.00		
	<u>\$1,883.50</u>	<u>\$2,406.00</u>	<u>\$1,460.70</u>	<u>\$ 940.00</u>	<u>\$ 57.50</u>	<u>\$ 28.80</u>

### MACHINERY EARNINGS — OUT OF TOWN

	Town of Rowe	Town of Heath	Town of Leyden	Town of Monroe	Town of Colrain	Town of Buckland	Town of Hawley	W. D. Pierson
Truck #2	\$ 22.50	\$ 39.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 10.00			\$ 27.00	
Truck #3	33.00	39.00	16.50	25.50	28.50	12.00	13.50	
Tr. Plow #1	2.50							
Tr. Plow #2	2.50							
Tr. #1	6.00							
Tr. Plow #5	2.00							
Tr. #4 O-88	20.00	54.00		17.00	19.00	8.00	18.00	
Maintainer	15.50	19.00	11.00					
Sander #1				8.00			9.00	
Sander #2	5.00	13.00	5.50				4.50	
Cement Mixer							22.00	2.00
	<u>\$ 109.00</u>	<u>\$ 164.00</u>	<u>\$ 49.50</u>	<u>\$ 60.50</u>	<u>\$ 47.50</u>	<u>\$ 20.00</u>	<u>\$ 94.00</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>

**EXCERPTS FROM THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**February 1, 1954**

Article 2. Voted to raise the following appropriations:

\$ 6,000.00	Snow, Roads & Bridges
1,500.00	Welfare
350.00	Disability Assistance
500.00	Aid to Dependent Children
530.28	Town Property Insurance
1,000.00	Workmen's Compensation Insurance
297.35	Motor Vehicle Insurance
14,000.00	Old Age Assistance
2,400.00	Soldier's Benefits
563.00	Welfare District Administration
500.00	Guard Rails
1,800.00	Town Hall
200.00	Painting Town Hall
1,650.00	Fire Department, \$150.00 of this sum to be used to defray expense of swimming classes, also voted proceeds of check from B & M Railroad in the amount of \$3,317.66 be appropriated to Fire Department account for payment.
350.00	Board of Health
360.00	Legion Rooms
125.00	Memorial Day
100.00	Christmas Party
117.75	Bonding Town Officers
35.00	Old Cemeteries
500.00	Library
600.00	Gypsy Moth & Dutch Elm Suppression
2,000.00	Reserve Fund (From overlay surplus)
1,600.00	Miscellaneous
1,010.00	Bridge Note & Interest (From free cash)
1,158.00	Street Lights
300.00	Fairgrounds Maintenance
25.00	East Charlemont School Maintenance
722.36	Employees Retirement Fund
52,432.00	Schools

Article 3. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,350.00 and to authorize borrowing of \$12,925.00 for Chapter 81 highway maintenance and construction.

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 and to transfer from available funds \$6,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction on South River Road.



Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 and to transfer from available funds \$4,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance.

Article 6. Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Funds \$8,000.00 to the 1954 Machinery Maintenance Account and for the purchase of new equipment; thus providing \$5,500.00 for machinery maintenance and purchase of small items of equipment, and \$2,500.00 for the purchase of a new truck.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,600.00 for annual salaries of Town Officers together with such clerical help as the Selectmen may approve.

Selectmen	\$300.00	ea.
Clerk	350.00	
Treasurer	650.00	
Tax Collector	600.00	
Two Assessors	250.00	ea.
Clerk Assessor	350.00	
Sealer	75.00	
Inspector of Animals	75.00	
Chief of Police	15.00	
Fire Chief	100.00	
Dog Officer	15.00	
Town Historian	600.00	
Moderator	10.00	

Article 8. Voted on Amendment made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to be spent under the direction of the Fire Department for the construction of water-holes and fire protection within the Town.

Article 9. Voted to transfer from the Tyler Library Trust Fund Income Account \$180.00 for repair and maintenance of the Tyler Library.

Article 10. Voted to appropriate from available funds \$14,960.63 to meet the Town's share of the 1954 expense of the Hawlemont Regional School District.

Article 11. Voted to accept the following motion with amendment as follows: **MOVED:** That the Selectmen, with the advice of the Town Counsel, are hereby authorized to investigate the possibilities of the town being permitted to obtain the benefits of the devise and bequests under the will of Fred L. Tyler without necessitating the establishment

and maintenance of a free library in the Tyler residence, and if after such investigation they shall determine that there is reasonable probability that the town may, through appropriate proceedings in the courts, obtain such benefits without the necessity of maintaining a free library in the Tyler residence, then the Selectmen are authorized on behalf of the town to institute such proceedings and take all proper steps in connection therewith, otherwise the Selectmen shall report the result of their investigation to a subsequent town meeting.

**AMENDMENT:** Made and seconded that the Tyler residence shall not be sold without giving the town a chance to vote no on the question, and opportunity to consider using the property as a residence for School Officials or Doctor.

Article 12. Voted to accept the motion that the Selectmen be authorized to investigate the question of constructing a town shed with particular reference to site and cost of construction, and report their findings at a subsequent meeting.

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## **REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

OCTOBER 5, 1954

Article 1. Voted to recommend for the purpose of providing the town's apportioned share of the operating-maintenance budget and the town's share of amounts required for payment of debt and interest of Hawlemont Regional School District for the period up to and including Dec. 31, 1954, that the town transfer \$5,500.00 from the 1954 appropriation of the School Department to the Regional School District and in addition thereto to transfer \$800.00 from the Reserve Account to the Regional School District and authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow \$3,000.00 in anticipation of revenues because of schools under Chapter 70 of the General Law due in 1954 and pay such sums to the Regional School District; and in addition to the above, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,326.50 making a total of \$10,626.50 as certified by the Hawlemont Regional School Committee as the town's apportioned share of said costs.

Article 2. Voted to pass over the article to transfer from the 1954 appropriation for Water Holes to the Fire Department account \$500.00.

Article 3. Voted to transfer from the 1954 appropriation for Old Age Assistance (Town Account) :

The sum of \$700.00 to Welfare.

The sum of \$500.00 to Disability Assistance.

### **REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

OCTOBER 26, 1954

Article 1. Voted to rescind the vote passed under Article 1 at the Special Town Meeting held on October 5, 1954.

Article 2. Voted to provide the town's apportioned share of the operating-maintenance budget and the town's share of amounts required for payment of debt and interest of Hawlemont Regional School District for the period up to and including December 31, 1954, to transfer to said District the sum of \$5,500.00 from the annual 1954 appropriation for the school department, as recommended by the Finance Committee and in accordance with Section 33B of Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended, and in addition thereto to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$5,126.50 for transfer to said District, making a total of \$10,126.50 as certified by the Hawlemont Regional School Committee as the town's apportioned share of said costs.

# VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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Ten years have now elapsed and an unforeseen war has been fought since the Selectmen of ten towns met to organize the Western Franklin Veterans' Service District in December 1944.

Our work in the office has increased during the past years, especially in the many different types of assistance requested. The total number given assistance in 1954 was 881, among them 34 registered for Selective Service. Applications for Medical and Hospital care 39, and Pensions 16, were included. Photostatic work has been done every Tuesday with a total of 1,305 prints made during the year.

The benefits applied for under Chapter 115, the old "Soldiers' Relief" law as now amended, have also increased due to unemployment. In this department we now have 20 active cases. During the past year we have aided 28 needy families, the Town concerned paying a total of \$17,304.02 for benefits. This includes maintenance for the applicant and family with Medical and Hospital care as needed.

Our files now contain records of 1,516 veterans, of whom 224 are from the Korean War. Much work remains to be done on the permanent copies of military and naval records, indicating a need for more clerical assistance.

The cooperation of the members of the District Committee has been most helpful in solving difficult problems. Close contact with the Veterans Administration thru Mr. O'Neil and with the Veterans' Service Department of the Town of Greenfield has continued over the years and has proved the value of mutual aid in our work.

The cost of operating the Veterans' Service Office during the past year was \$4,266.90. This expense is divided among the ten Towns in proportion to the assessed value of each. The budget set up by the Committee for 1955 as certified to the Town Treasurers is \$4,900.00.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. SCOTT,  
Director and Veteran's Agent.



# TOWN MEETING WARRANT

FEBRUARY 7, 1955

There follows a list of the business to come before the annual meeting. It should be borne in mind that this list is a preliminary one, and the the final warrant, as posted, may contain additions or alterations.

The following officers are to be elected by ballot, for which purpose the polls will be open from 11:30 in the morning until 7:30 in the evening:

- Clerk for one year
- Treasurer for one year
- Selectman for three years
- Assessor for three years
- School Committeeman for three years
- Tax Collector for one year
- Moderator for one year
- Library Trustee for three years
- Auditor for one year
- Tree Warden for one year
- Park Commissioner for three years
- Three Constables for one year

At 8:00 o'clock in the evening the meeting will be convened to take any action on the following articles:

Article 1. To act on the report of the Town Officers.

Article 2. To see if the Town will raise the following appropriations, which are recommended by the Finance Committee:

\$ 6,000.00	Snow Roads and Bridges
500.00	Bridge repairs and guard rail
1,600.00	Welfare
1,600.00	Soldiers Benefits
1,600.00	Disability Assistance
12,000.00	Old Age Assistance
600.00	Aid to Dependent Children
1,600.00	Miscellaneous
1,700.00	Town Hall
1,500.00	Fire Department
1,170.00	Street Lights
360.00	Legion Rooms

869.68	Franklin County Retirement System
500.00	Library
530.28	Town Property Insurance
285.89	Liability Insurance Town Vehicles
1,000.00	Workmen's Compensation Insurance
150.00	Bonding Town Officers
600.00	Gypsy Moth and Dutch Elm Disease Suppression
300.00	Board of Health
150.00	Town Dump Maintenance
200.00	Memorial Day
150.00	Swimming Classes
100.00	Christmas Party Fund
35.00	Old Cemeteries
25.00	East Charlemont School Maintenance
300.00	Fairgrounds Maintenance
34,860.00	High School
2,000.00	Reserve Fund

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,350.00 for Chapter 81 highway maintenance and construction, and appropriate from available funds in the Treasury or borrow the sum of \$12,925.00 to meet the State's share of the cost of the work.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90 construction on South River Road, and appropriate from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$6,000.00 to meet the State and County share of the cost of the work.

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for Chapter 90 highway maintenance, and appropriate from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$5,000.00 to meet the State and County share of the cost of the work.

Article 6. To see if the Town will transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$5,500.00 to the 1955 Machinery Maintenance Account, to include the purchase of new equipment.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote the following annual salaries to the Town Officers, and will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,600.00 for the payment of the same, together with such clerical and other office help as the Selectmen may approve.



Selectmen	\$300.00	each
Clerk	350.00	
Treasurer	650.00	
Tax Collector	600.00	
Two Assessors	250.00	each
Clerk Assessor	350.00	
Sealer	75.00	
Inspector of Animals	75.00	
Chief of Police	15.00	
Fire Chief	100.00	
Dog Officer	15.00	
Historian	600.00	
Moderator	10.00	

Article 8. To see if the Town will transfer from the Tyler Library Trust Fund Income Account the sum of \$180.00 for repair and maintenance of the Tyler Library.

Article 9. To see whether the Town will vote to meet its share of the 1955 capital outlay expense of the Hawlemont Regional School District by appropriating the sum of \$15,711.25 from available funds in the Treasury.

Article 10. To see whether the Town, in accordance with Section 14, Chapter 71 of the General Laws, will create a special unpaid committee to be known as a regional school district planning committee, said committee to be appointed and to act in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Section 14 of Chapter 71.

Article 11. To see whether the Town will transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$2,500.00 to an account for the construction of a Town Machinery Shed; \$500.00 of said amount to be spent for the acquisition of a suitable site for such a building, and the balance to be used for purposes of construction. And further, to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to acquire title to, and accept a deed to, a parcel of land as a site for such a building.

# ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Charlemont Board of Assessors report the following valuation for 1954.

	Personal	Real
Adams, Carroll .....	\$ 50.00	
Adams, Dorothy .....		\$ 3,465.00
Adams, Glenn E. ....	1,470.00	
Adams, Glenn E. & Dorothy .....		6,720.00
Adams, N. Eugene & Eva M. ....		5,145.00
Adler, Carl .....	250.00	
Adler, Pearl I. ....		5,460.00
Adler, Ralph E. & Florence B. ....		300.00
Albee, John E. ....		1,300.00
Aldrich, Allie C. ....	200.00	4,525.00
Anderson, Mrs. Andrews .....	100.00	1,595.00
Anderson, Raymond A. ....		450.00
Andrews, Warren M. ....	40.00	
Andrews, Warren & Irene .....		1,390.00
Angeli, Emma .....		3,420.00
Annear, Cyrus C. & Lillian W. ....		4,085.00
Anthony, Arthur J. & Casagrande, Carl V. ....		100.00
Askew, Doris A. & Smith, Gene E. ....		2,345.00
Atkins, Ralph E. ....	55.00	
Atkins, Ralph E. & Doris B. ....		1,675.00
Atkins, Ralph E. & Doris B. ....		4,165.00
Avery, A. L. & Son .....	14,200.00	
Avery, Francis W. ....	50.00	6,115.00
Avery, Francis W. ....		3,795.00
Avery, Henry L., Jr. ....		4,765.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		12,220.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		5,335.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		2,670.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		2,570.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		3,415.00
Avery, Henry L. ....		375.00
Baker, Agnes A. Brown .....	150.00	6,610.00
Babcock, Henry E. & Daniel H. ....		1,125.00
Ballard, David K. ....	1,875.00	
Ballard, Ruth K., Barbara, & David K. ....		7,020.00
Bannish, John E. ....		5,070.00
Barlow, Van M. ....		1,900.00
Barrett, Earl B. & Ella M. ....	1,200.00	14,100.00

	Personal	Real
Baxter, Charles M. ....		1,510.00
Bennett, Philip R. & Gloria B. ....	150.00	4,445.00
Bicknell, Fred O. ....		3,575.00
Bilhoefer, John A. & Ruthetta S. ....	400.00	2,945.00
Bissland, James H. & Elsie C. ....		7,395.00
Bliss, Marion E. & Verne E., Jr. ....		3,000.00
Booth, Robert ....	50.00	280.00
Booth, William H. ....		675.00
Boston & Maine Railroad ....		6,900.00
Boullie, William J. ....	650.00	
Boullie, William J. & Anna T. ....		2,750.00
Boullie, William J. & Anna T. ....		675.00
Bowen, Mrs. Helen ....	1,125.00	8,715.00
Brant, James R. & Lorna D. ....		2,350.00
Breen, Roy H. ....		3,080.00
Bremer, Ruth M. ....		4,315.00
Brown, Azalia M. & Rowena J. ....		6,870.00
Brownsword, Walter A. ....		3,590.00
Brownsword, Walter W. ....	1,350.00	8,660.00
Burger, Celia L. ....		1,240.00
Burnett, Arnold K. & Lucy E. ....		2,540.00
Burnett, Norman A. & Phyllis J. ....		3,175.00
Burnett, Wilbur L. ....	670.00	3,535.00
Burrington, Mrs. Anna M. ....		740.00
Burt, Eva Morrison ....		1,630.00
Burt, Harold A. & Marie ....		3,840.00
Burt, William R. ....		4,925.00
Burt, William R. & Son ....	2,185.00	
Cahill, Lillian B. ....	1,200.00	5,500.00
Callanan, Charles L. & Valida A. ....		1,155.00
Carlson, John R. ....	200.00	4,435.00
Carpenter, Mary L. ....		2,930.00
Carroll, Fred W. ....	1,100.00	
Carroll, Fred W. & Louise ....		6,470.00
Cetto, Enrico ....		3,145.00
Champlin, Ray E. & Harriet M. ....		1,525.00
Charlemont Plantation, Inc. ....		4,525.00
Chisholm, Sidney M. ....	1,500.00	
Chisholm, Sidney M. & Thelma G. ....		22,850.00
Churchill, Avis M. ....		2,940.00
Churchill, Merritt H. ....		100.00
Churchill, Ruth B. ....		5,275.00
Churchill, Wallace & Laura ....		400.00
Clark, Francis J., Lawrence A. & Horace T. ....		4,510.00

	Personal	Real
Clark, Horace T. ....		6,160.00
Clark, Inez T. ....		6,285.00
Clark, Lawrence A. ....		4,500.00
Clark, Mrs. Margaret ....		625.00
Clark, Merle B. & Gladys B. ....		5,985.00
Coates, Allen M. & Sylvia B. ....		625.00
Connelly, Joseph P. ....		1,000.00
Crocker, Frederick H. ....		1,615.00
Cronk, Paul B. & Irene L. ....		1,325.00
Dahmen, Doris M. G. ....		2,275.00
Daly, Aristides K. ....	1,150.00	21,265.00
Davenport, Carlton P. ....		1,080.00
Davenport, James P. ....		375.00
Davenport, Louis A. & Ellen A. ....		3,370.00
Davenport, William A. ....		400.00
Dean, Fred E. & Blanche ....		2,000.00
Dean, Russell & Irene ....		1,785.00
DiBenedetto, Salvatore & Marion ....		240.00
Dickinson, Alice G. ....	155.00	3,365.00
Dickinson, Edgar G. & Ruth A. ....		2,285.00
Dickinson, Richard R. ....	75.00	250.00
Dickinson, Richard R. & Ethel May ....		3,370.00
Dickson, Ira R. ....	2,000.00	22,300.00
Dimick, George H. & Ella J. ....		3,625.00
Dimick, John H. ....	200.00	2,375.00
Dimick, John H. & Eva M. ....		2,270.00
Dimick, John H. & Eva M. ....		2,450.00
Dion, Jennie M. & Donald G. ....		1,100.00
Dunlop, Leslie R. & Marion E. ....	600.00	1,960.00
Earle, Ralph ....		940.00
Elliott, William S. ....		500.00
Ellsworth, Bernice S. ....		2,790.00
Ellsworth, Horace E. ....	600.00	160.00
Ellsworth, Horace E. & Bernice S. ....		3,910.00
Falandes, Maximillian P. & Katherine ....		6,775.00
Feder, Sidney J. ....	450.00	
Feder, Sidney J. & Ethel E. ....		4,445.00
Fisk, Roscoe R. ....		120.00
Fisk, Emma W. ....		5,030.00
Fitzroy, Herbert H. ....	2,500.00	
Fitzroy, Herbert H. & Ruth M. ....		4,120.00
Foliated Talc Co. ....		200.00
Formosi, Diomede ....	635.00	
Formosi, Mrs. Ellen Ellery ....		2,700.00

	Personal	Real
Forsberg, Harold S. ....	2,500.00	9,990.00
Freiberg, Edward & Sarah .....		7,250.00
Fusco, William et al .....		1,000.00
Galvin, Leon R. & Doris M. ....		2,460.00
Garcia, Elsie G. ....	150.00	1,440.00
Gibson, Herbert D. & Constance D. ....		2,550.00
Gilbert, Clifford J. ....		150.00
Gilbert, Fred J. & Marjorie E. ....		4,310.00
Gilbert, George J. & Aldea M. ....		4,720.00
Gilbert, Mabel H. & Charlie J. ....		4,545.00
Gingras, Arthur F. ....	1,000.00	
Gingras, Arthur W. & Lillian G. ....		6,025.00
Gleason, Francis .....		455.00
Goodwin, Charles W. ....	700.00	
Goodwin, Charles W. & Katherine .....		2,440.00
Goodwin, John P. ....	1,000.00	
Goodwin, John P. & Fern H. ....		4,750.00
Gould, Albert L. ....	2,300.00	
Gould, Albert L. & Dorothy M. ....		8,805.00
Gould, Grace C. ....		5,315.00
Gould, Syril G. ....	2,500.00	
Gould, Syril G. & Hazel M. ....		8,770.00
Graff, Edward T. & Mary F. ....		4,065.00
Grey, Charlotte R. et al .....		700.00
Greenfield Co-operative Bank .....		3,050.00
Gribbon, George H. ....	100.00	3,605.00
Grover, Albina A. ....		4,520.00
Hall, Bernard R. & Claire H. ....		3,115.00
Hallahan, William E. ....	3,450.00	4,595.00
Halligan, Burdette J. & Mabel D. ....		3,405.00
Hamilton, Evelyn C. ....		3,390.00
Harmon, James B. ....		2,255.00
Harris, Alfred E. ....	1,850.00	
Harris, Ethel M. ....		630.00
Harris, Ethel M. & Alfred E. ....		4,680.00
Harris, Herbert R. ....	125.00	1,820.00
Harris, Herman F. ....	575.00	835.00
Harris, Herman F. & Esther G. ....		3,495.00
Harwood, Clarence B. ....		3,195.00
Hathaway, Arthur L. ....		2,850.00
Hawkes, Norman W. & Ruth S. ....		5,150.00
Healy, Allen .....		160.00
Healy, John J. ....		32,555.00
Healy, Winston .....	5,225.00	7,610.00



	Personal	Real
Heist, Claude	155.00	
Heist, Claude W. & Linna L.		2,595.00
Heist, Paul E.	135.00	
Heist, Paul E. & Phyllis L.		2,290.00
Henderson, Kenneth W.	250.00	
Henderson, Kenneth W. & Charlotte		4,410.00
Henderson, Walter A. & Lenabel M.		3,850.00
Hicks, Ray C.	4,485.00	9,645.00
Hicks, Roy A.	1,680.00	
Hicks, Roy A. & Ethel M.		3,785.00
Hogeman, Hazel M.		3,265.00
Howes, Earl K. & Leora M.		4,600.00
Hunkler, Harley D.		3,530.00
Hunkler, Lawrence		1,910.00
Hunkler, Rosa		2,130.00
Hunt, Blanche L.		3,365.00
Hutchinson, Milton E. & Esther C.		2,355.00
Hyytinen, Reino A. & Virginia B.		1,335.00
Johnson, Marshall A.	1,225.00	
Johnson, Marshall A. & Rebecca P.		8,160.00
Jones, Walter E.		1,400.00
Kendrick, Stanton C.	1,335.00	9,275.00
Kennedy, Cecil H.	3,900.00	29,400.00
Kenyon, Alfred R. & Dorothy		3,410.00
King, Mrs. Grace		3,040.00
King, Mrs. Grace		2,115.00
King, Robert J. & Geneva A.		500.00
Kirchleckner, Frank	825.00	1,010.00
Koonchaug Building Assn.		2,000.00
Langevin, Harold J. & Beda A.		4,525.00
Lanoué, D. Ambrose	600.00	11,890.00
Lanoué, D. Ambrose		2,585.00
Lanoué, D. Ambrose		1,200.00
Lanoué, D. Ambrose		1,315.00
Laramee, Lawrence L. & Eugene D.		1,900.00
Lee, Frank H. & Caroline		3,955.00
Lees, Mrs. Minnie		1,740.00
Legate, Annie S.		450.00
Legate, Harry F.		3,930.00
Legate, Ida L.		630.00
Liese, Cyrus C., Jr.	500.00	
Liese, Cyrus C., Jr. & Elaine S.		4,125.00
Liese, Cyrus C., Jr. & Elaine S.		5,675.00
Lilly, Sarah		1,210.00



	Personal	Real
Lively, Elise & Trudell, William S. ....		2,460.00
Longley, Laurence A. & Julia M. ....		1,620.00
Longridge Co., Inc. ....		1,000.00
Lowensberg, William ....	300.00	
Lyman, Geraldine H. ....		5,635.00
Malcolm, David J. ....		5,340.00
Mann, T. S. Lumber Co., Inc. ....		1,950.00
Martin, Carol ....		585.00
Martin, Edward H. & Ruby T. ....		3,250.00
Massoth, William H. & Victoria M. ....		6,630.00
Massoth, William H. & Victoria M. ....	300.00	5,000.00
Maynard, Earl O. ....		2,190.00
McCloud, Everett B. ....	185.00	
McCloud, Everett B. & Marion ....		3,890.00
McHaffie, John W. ....		2,360.00
McHaffie, John W., Jr. & Lois E. ....		3,560.00
McKinstry, Roger E. ....	800.00	
McKinstry, Roger E. & Doris ....		8,875.00
Miller, Helen W. ....	1,000.00	3,995.00
Montagne, John A., Trustee ....		300.00
Moore, Ethel T. ....		750.00
Moriarty, John M. ....	300.00	2,620.00
Muhlmeister, Otto H. & Julia V. ....		1,415.00
Muller, Peter J. ....		8,735.00
Mulville, Edward G. & O'Neil, Herbert P. ....		4,620.00
Murphy, Margaret ....		400.00
Murray, Harry E. & Isabelle ....		700.00
Newell, Ralph F. ....		2,905.00
New England Power Co. ....	7,240.00	72,900.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....	23,000.00	
Nilman, Carl H. ....		1,200.00
Norcross, Ora Marie ....		6,970.00
Norman, Joseph W. & Cordelia M. ....		700.00
Northern Berkshire Electric Co. ....	40,000.00	
Old Fort Restaurant, Inc. ....	1,500.00	4,600.00
Padula, Violet ....		500.00
Palmer, Paul W. & Clarinda A. ....		2,820.00
Parker, James L. ....	1,690.00	
Parker, James L. & Ruby Lenore ....		5,295.00
Philips, Mark A. & Ava E. ....		3,030.00
Pierguide, Serefino ....		1,100.00
Pierson, William D. ....	4,360.00	15,430.00
Pike, Sherman T. ....	300.00	
Pike, Sherman T. & Elizabeth G. ....		11,100.00

	Personal	Real
Pitman, Elise .....		4,165.00
Plantation House, Inc. ....		7,880.00
Pleshaw, Charles .....		1,970.00
Pleshaw, Gervin D. & Gladys .....		4,300.00
Potter, W. N. Grain Stores, Inc. ....	350.00	11,120.00
Pratt, Clement T. ....		550.00
Purinton, Albert T. ....	<b>535.00</b>	
Purinton, Albert T. & Veda E. ....		3,930.00
Purinton, Harry L. ....	500.00	
Purinton, Harry L. & Thelma G. ....		1,645.00
Purinton, Richard T. & Myrtle L. ....		<b>3,355.00</b>
Purrrington, Gordon .....		600.00
Ranville, Alfred G. ....		800.00
Raymond, Donald W. & Katherine C. ....		3,570.00
Raymond, Gerald T. & Bessie P. ....		2,300.00
Reed, Claude E. & Bonnalyne .....		220.00
Rice, Aubrey L. ....	1,800.00	
Rice, Aubrey L. & Amelia A. ....		4,570.00
Rice, Floyd .....	1,000.00	
Rice, Floyd & Josephine .....		2,050.00
Rice, Kenneth R. & Marie M. ....		1,215.00
Rice, James A. & Flora E. ....		5,660.00
Rich Lumber Co., Inc .....		1,000.00
Richards, Mrs. Sarah A. F. ....		2,815.00
Richmond, Earl .....	160.00	
Richmond, Earl L. & Hazel .....		5,800.00
Rickert, Frank J. & Margaret M. ....		4,110.00
Ringchrist, George & Edna May .....		3,640.00
Rivers, Rena M. ....		5,535.00
Robinson, Thurman W. & Clara T. ....		3,290.00
Rowe, Frederick .....		1,660.00
Rowe, Frederick & Lot, Dennis .....		5,040.00
Rowe Lumber Co., Inc. ....		370.00
Russell, Mary C. ....		1,345.00
Ryan, Helena T. ....		1,825.00
Ryan, Helena T. ....		1,710.00
Ryder, Russell W. ....	50.00	
Ryder, Russell W. & Elizabeth G. ....		1,790.00
Sandri, Arcilo .....		3,000.00
Schaefer, Paul E. & Sophie .....		390.00
Schechterlie, William G. & Gertrude D. ....		2,650.00
Schultz, Harold J. ....		160.00
Sears, John H. ....	175.00	
Sears, Mabel B. ....		4,825.00

	Personal	Real
Shaw, Ethel L. & William L. ....		1,475.00
Shaw, Harry P. ....		4,750.00
Shaw, Lincoln ....		1,690.00
Sherman, Cecil ....		670.00
Sherman, Elmer ....		315.00
Sherman, Floyd ....		465.00
Sherman, James M., Jr. ....		525.00
Sherman, Mrs. Lena M. ....		745.00
Sherman, Madeline ....		100.00
Shields, Edward G. & Gertrude I. ....		4,080.00
Shukis, Dominic S., Jr. ....	850.00	
Shukis, Dominic S., Jr. & Stella B. ....		7,740.00
Sibley, Howard M. & Jeanette S. ....		225.00
Simmons, Arthur A. & Clara S. ....		1,460.00
Simmons, Mary W. ....	2,900.00	7,955.00
Simmons, John J. & Mary W. ....		3,875.00
Slaunwhite, Stewart E. ....	2,420.00	3,325.00
Smart, Fred A. ....		3,825.00
Smith, Frederick A. & Margaret E. ....		4,050.00
Smith, J. Roger ....	300.00	
Smith, J. Roger et al ....		3,290.00
Snead, W. Hunter & Marjory Titus ....		4,610.00
Spear, Elbert F. & Winifred E. ....		6,090.00
Spofford Motors Inc. ....		2,325.00
Stacy, Helen B. ....		300.00
Stafford, William P. & Grace M. ....		4,185.00
Stanley, S. F. ....	1,000.00	
Streeter, Charles E. ....	285.00	
Streeter, Charles E. & Marjorie T. ....		6,425.00
Sykes, Robert R. ....		1,200.00
Tanner, Richard & Homer ....		5,235.00
Tarvin, James E. ....	3,950.00	
Tarvin, James E. & Lena W. ....		12,540.00
Taylor, Archie F. ....	145.00	3,485.00
Taylor, Theron S. ....		6,825.00
Temple, John B. ....		545.00
Thompson, Mrs. Jane ....		3,040.00
Thunder Mountain Ski Assn., Inc. ....	1,000.00	
Tinney, Floyd F. ....	275.00	2,565.00
Tinney, Lawrence S. ....	60.00	1,020.00
Tinney, Lawrence S., Jr. ....	150.00	
Tower, Mabel A. ....		5,205.00
Trustees, Congregational Society ....		915.00
Trustees, I. O. O. F. ....		6,460.00

	Personal	Real
Trustee Leavitt Cemetery .....		600.00
Turner, Christine M. ....		9,690.00
Turner, Christine M. ....		1,580.00
Turner, Dora E. & Leon A. ....		3,670.00
Turner, Dora E. & Leon A. ....		1,910.00
Turner, Leon A. ....	1,750.00	
Turner, William C. ....		2,400.00
VanNostrand, Lawrence T. ....		4,910.00
Veber, Laura M. & Leon H. ....		1,625.00
Vincent, Leslie I. ....	285.00	3,750.00
Wagner, Joseph A. ....	650.00	
Wagner, Joseph A. & Gloria A. ....		4,930.00
Walsh, Mary E. ....		2,705.00
Ware, Alice F. ....		2,000.00
Warfield, Horace E. ....	760.00	14,605.00
Warner, Charles L. & Ruth S. ....		<b>5,860.00</b>
Warner, Mary E. ....		3,665.00
Wells, Alice L. ....		5,670.00
Wells, Frank J. ....	5,500.00	15,350.00
Westcott, Mona R. ....		4,700.00
Western New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....		3,005.00
Western Union Tel. Co. ....	2,500.00	
West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Inc. ....		1,100.00
Wetherbee, Roger F. & Emily M. ....		1,725.00
Wheeler, Daniel G. ....	285.00	5,595.00
Whipple, Olin E. ....	2,500.00	900.00
Whipple, Olin E. & Ruth McFall .....		5,175.00
Whitaker, Ernest W. ....	265.00	
Whitaker, Ernest W. & Tillie .....		2,680.00
White, Harold T. ....	150.00	150.00
Wilbur, Stephen C. ....	150.00	2,130.00
Willard, James R. ....	1,010.00	8,340.00
Willey, Belle A. & Turner, Dora E. ....		4,350.00
Willey, Belle A. & Turner, Dora E. ....		3,820.00
Willey, Belle A. & Turner, Dora E. ....		5,085.00
Willey, Belle A. & Turner, Dora E. ....		5,100.00
Willey, Belle A. & Turner, Dora E. ....		2,930.00
Willey, Belle A. & Turner, Dora E. ....		675.00
Willis, Roger W. & Marjorie A. ....		9,355.00
Wilson, Raymond W. & Mildred C. ....		4,505.00
Wood, Darwin C. & Eleanor P. ....		2,790.00
Young, Florence M. ....		6,085.00
Young, Florence M. ....		935.00
Young, Florence M. ....		100.00

Number of Polls Assessed .....	240
Number of Horses Assessed .....	31
Number of Cattle Assessed .....	497
Number of Sheep Assessed .....	6
Number of Goats Assessed .....	3
Number of Fowl Assessed .....	10,730
Number of Dwellings Assessed .....	266
Number of Acres of Land Assessed .....	14,186
Assessed Value of Personal Property .....	\$ 188,585.00
Assessed Value of Real Estate .....	\$1,352,415.00
Tax Rate per \$1,000 .....	\$ 40.00
Number of Excise Commitments .....	12
Number of Motor Vehicles .....	519
Value of Motor Vehicles .....	\$ 194,950.00
Excise .....	\$ 7,949.02

Respectfully submitted,

WINIFRED E. SPEAR,  
FRANCIS W. AVERY,  
SHERMAN T. PIKE,

Assessors.

# Twenty Year Trends in Town Expenses

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*NOTE: In order to economize on the cost of the town report, only Table 2 is being printed here. The others will be posted during the annual meeting, when anyone interested can compare them with this analysis.*

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The tables which follow have been prepared in the hope that they will be of value to townspeople who are interested in the trends of the town's fiscal affairs, over a period of twenty years. For this purpose, town expenses have been divided into five categories, schools, highways, public assistance, public health and "all other" expense. Because everyone is familiar with the converse of the proposition that "figures don't lie", it is perhaps true that no one but a trained economist should attempt to draw conclusions from the tables. However, it seems apparent that some conclusions can safely be drawn, and you are, of course, perfectly free to draw your own.

## **Valuation And The Tax Rate**

**Table 1.** As everyone knows, the tax rate is the product of two factors, the total valuation and the town's expenses, more specifically that portion of the town's expense which must be provided for by local taxation. This table shows the affect which valuation has on the rate, the most striking point being the sharp drop in the rate caused by the revaluation in 1948. Inasmuch as the valuation was relatively stable before 1948, and has showed only a slight tendency to rise since then, it would seem that changes in the tax rate have been due to fluctuations in the amounts of money spent.

## **Town Expense And The Tax Levy**

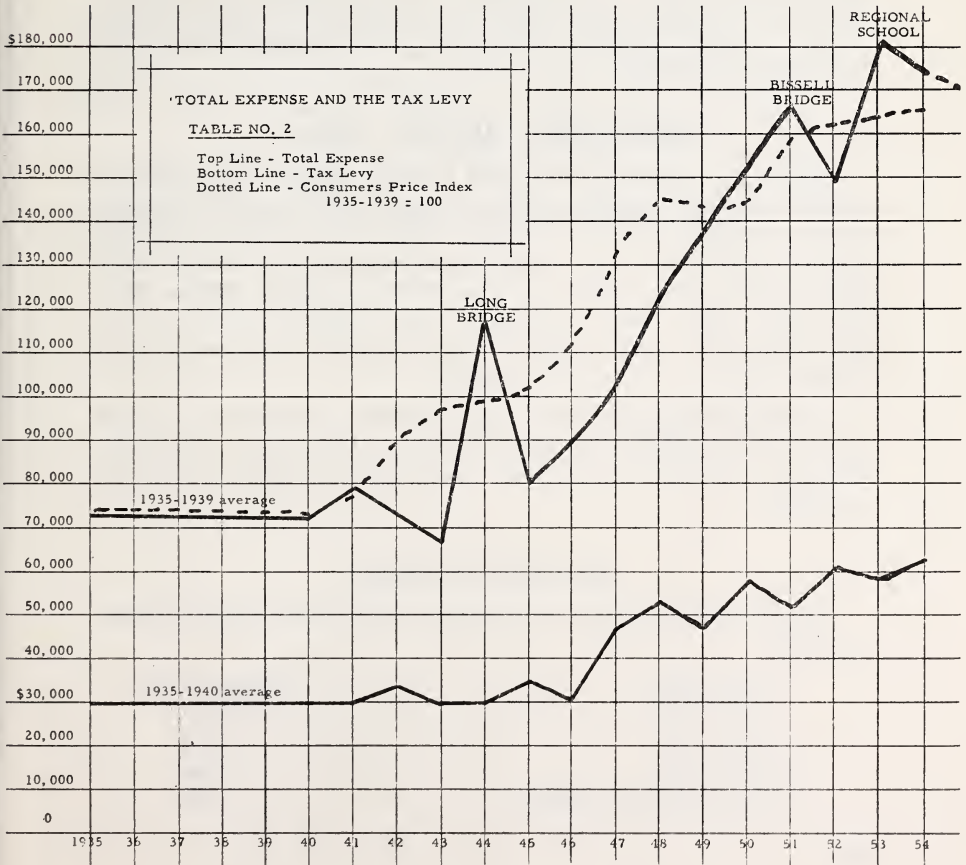
**Table 2.** This table shows the total expenses of the town, commencing with an average of \$73,000 for the years 1935-1940 and reaching a peak in 1953 of \$181,000, an increase of 148%. It also shows that the total tax levy, or amount of money raised locally for town expenses, has increased from an average of \$30,000 for the years 1935-1940 to a peak of \$62,000 in 1954, an increase of 106%. It is apparent, therefore, that the difference of 42% must have been provided from other sources. As a matter of fact, the other sources have been the State and Federal govern-



ments in the public assistance program, and the State in the cases of schools and highways.

The dotted line in this table is the Consumer's Price Index, with a 1935-1939 base of 100, and a peak of 1954 of 192. Because this index of the price level, or the cost of living, so closely parallels the curve of town expenses, it would seem to indicate that the increase in expense has been no greater than that required to keep pace with the higher price level which has prevailed, rather than being caused by an increased program of town services. The one important increase in town service which has occurred during this period, the Regional School, is just beginning to make itself felt in the town fiscal picture.

In connection with the tax levy, it will cause no surprise to those of us who pay excise tax on automobiles, to note that receipts from motor vehicle excise tax have risen from \$679 in 1935 to \$8,117 in 1953.



## Schools, Public Assistance And Public Health

**Table 3.** This table is unique in that it shows that Public Assistance is the only category of town expense which shows a decreasing trend. This decrease is almost entirely in Old Age Assistance, and is due to the fact that social security and expanded pension programs are gradually reducing the burden of Old Age Assistance expense. It is a trend which should continue, barring major economic upheaval.

Public Health expense in Charlemont is relatively small, and has always been so, although it too has approximately doubled in the 20 year period.

In the case of school expense our analysis seems to indicate that most of the rise is due to two factors. Expense more than doubled in the five post-war years, due mostly to the sharp increase in the price level, but partly to the fact that the school department had more ground to make up than some other departments in salary levels and in program. The rise since 1953 is due to increases involved in the Regional School. There is considerable basis for hope that school expenses will level out at or near the 1955 peak.

## Highways And "All Other" Expense

**Table 4.** This table shows that highway expenses have failed to increase as much as increases in the general price level would have seemed to make necessary. If the two bridges built in the last ten years were averaged into highway expense they would make the total expense show the amount of increase which would normally be expected. Without these two major capital outlays, however, it seems apparent that we are not quite keeping up. This conclusion is also borne out by inspection of the highway program as it actually operates.

"All other" expenses have risen, as would be expected, to a level approximately double that of twenty years ago. Here again it is apparent that most of the rise occurred during, and because of the post-war period of inflation.

## TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY

As a matter of interest, there follows a list of tax exempt property, as of 1954.

Town Owned	Assessed Value
Town Hall .....	\$40,056
Fire House .....	3,142
High School .....	36,448
East Charlemont School .....	2,053

Ore Shed property .....	300
Zoar property 5/8 acre .....	200
Fairgrounds .....	6,349
Tyler Memorial Library .....	5,094
Zoar Cemetery .....	200
T Street Cemetery .....	100
Old Center Cemetery .....	25

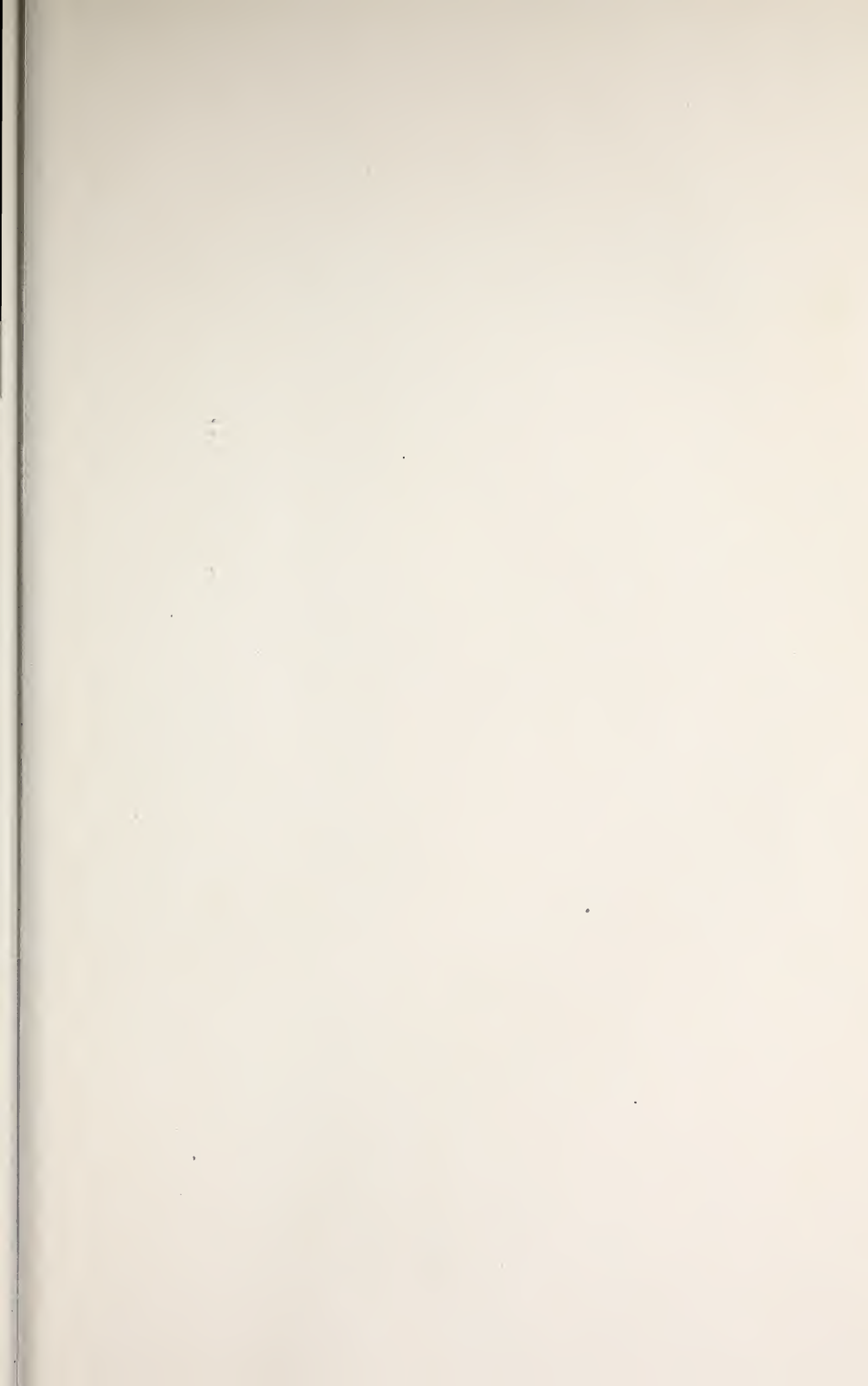
**Owned by Others**

Congregational Society .....	16,633
Methodist Church .....	8,000
East Charlemont Church .....	8,803
St. Christophers Church .....	5,841
Village Cemetery .....	500
Leavitt Cemetery .....	1,768
East Charlemont Cemetery .....	300

Under the law which provides for exemptions for veterans who are at least 10% disabled, or hold the Purple Heart, there are ten cases in which the full \$2000 exemption has been granted, and two cases with exemptions of \$1500 each. This is about average for all the years since the law has been in effect, and amounts to \$920 in tax abatements at the 1954 rate.

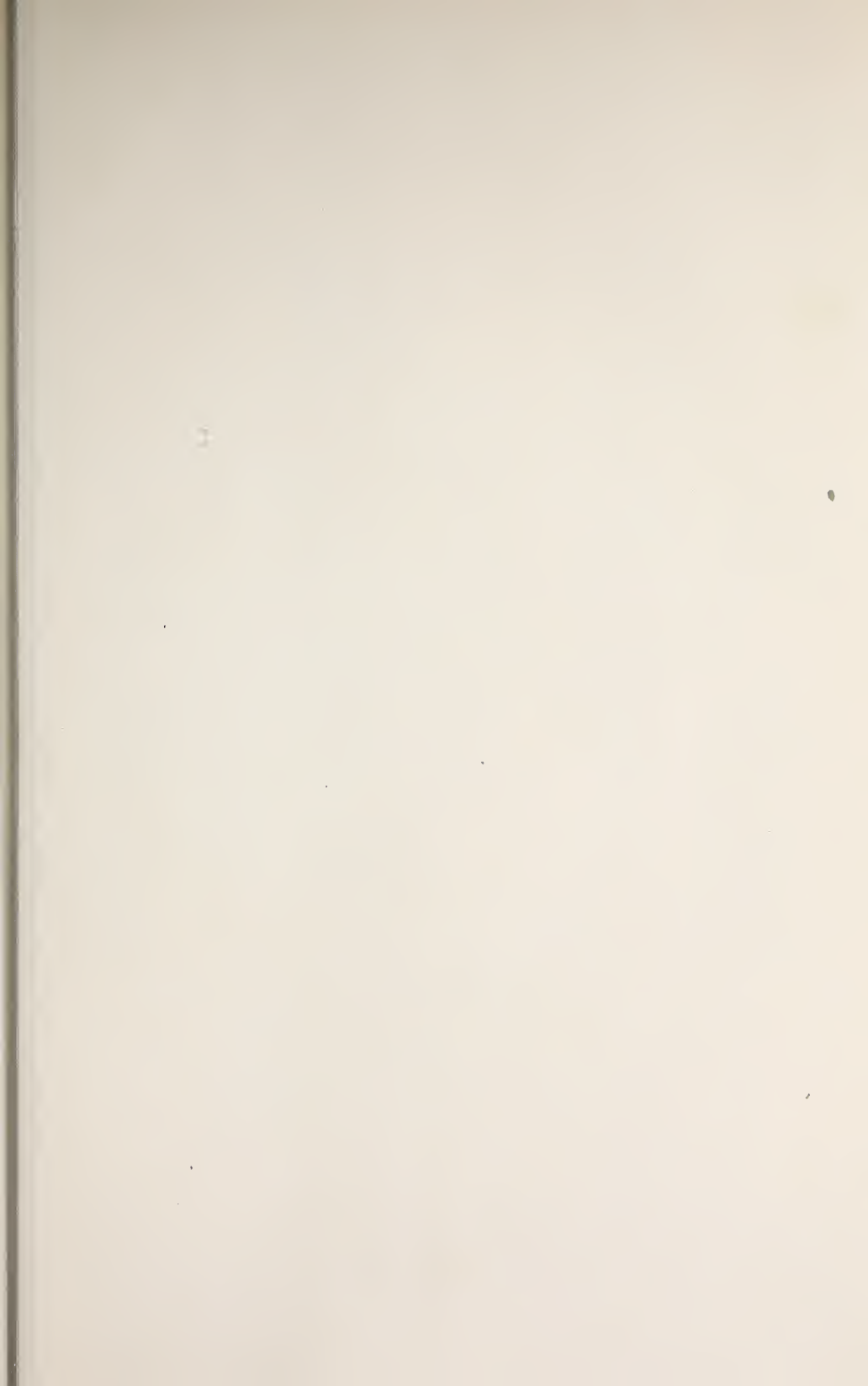
Under the law providing for \$2000 exemptions for widows, over 70 years of age and owning less than \$3000 of real property, there has averaged to be three cases in recent years, amounting to \$240 at the 1954 tax rate.















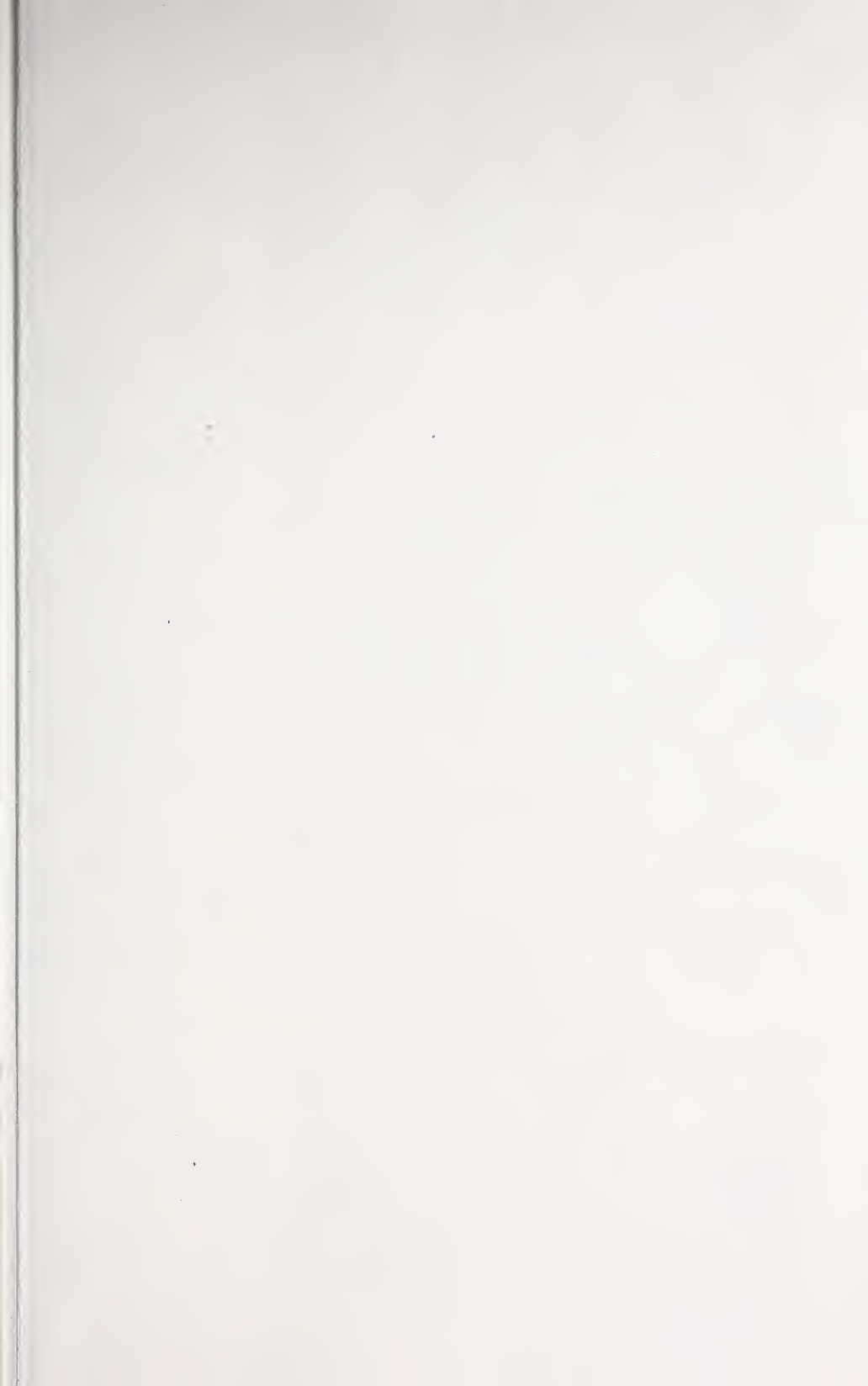
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